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v.

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RESPONDENT.

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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The Petitioner Local Finance Corporation ("Local") prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the opinion and judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts entered in this proceeding on November 4, 1971.

Opinion Below

The opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court, printed at page A-1 of the separately bound Appendix,[1] is reported at Massachusetts Advance Sheets (1971) 1367, and 275 N.E.2nd 33.

[1] The separately bound Appendix to this Petition is cited as "App."

Jurisdiction

The opinion and judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts were entered on November 4, 1971. On January 13, 1972, Mr. Justice Brennan granted an extension of time for filing this petition up to and including April 2, 1972. This Court's jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1257 (3).

Questions Presented

Was the right of the petitioner to a fair trial, as guaranteed by the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments, violated in a mass conspiracy trial:

(1) where the imposition of hundreds of evidentiary restrictions and extensions during eleven months of trial made it impossible for the jurors to separate the evidence admitted against each defendant;

(2) where Local was put to trial together with thirteen co-defendants, ten of whom had been tried, and eight convicted, in a prior mass conspiracy trial involving crimes which the Commonwealth insists had no connection whatever with the alleged conspiracy in the case at bar;

(3) where the trial of the indictment against the petitioner was joined with that of nineteen indictments, totalling fifty-five counts, against a defendant who was not named as a co-defendant or co-conspirator, particularly where such other defendant appeared *pro se;* and

(4) where a considerable portion of the evidence was introduced against the petitioner's co-defendants, but not against the petitioner, including (a) an extrajudicial statement made by a co-defendant which was powerfully inculpatory as to the petitioner, and (b) a handwritten list of the participants in a conspiracy, prepared out of court, containing the petitioner's name?

Constitutional Provisions Involved

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides in pertinent part:

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, * * * to be confronted with the witnesses against him; * * * and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides in pertinent part:

* * * nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Statement of the Case

This case arises out of a jury trial involving an indictment in which Local and thirteen co-defendants were charged with conspiring to bribe Martin J. Hanley ("Hanley"), the State Supervisor of Small Loans. In response to a motion of the Commonwealth, Judge Quirico of the Superior Court (the trial court) ordered all of the defendants in the conspiracy indictment tried together, and ordered further that the trial of said indictment be held together with the trial of nineteen separate indictments in fifty-five counts charging Hanley with requesting or accepting bribes. Judge Quirico also denied motions for severance based upon Local's rights under the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.[2]

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[2] Local challenged the grouping and joinder for trial on constitutional grounds by objection and exception to the Commonwealth's Motion for Joinder; by a pre-trial motion for severance and various motions for severance and for mistrial during the course of the trial,

The trial consumed 222 trial days, over a period of about eleven months. During the course of the trial ,the Commonwealth introduced over 200 pieces of evidence against some, but not all, defendants. Approximately 100 days into the trial, following the allowance of the Commonwealth's Motion for a Preliminary Finding of Conspiracy [3] and portions of its Motion to Admit Exhibits and Testimony Against Local Finance Corporation,[4] the Court instructed the jury concerning changes in limitations on evidence previously admitted.[5] The Court's instructions were so complicated that Judge Quirico and counsel needed a chart to follow them as they were being given.[6] Some six months later the case was submitted to the jury. Although the Court's instructions at that time covered some 200 pages of transcript (a full day), Judge Quirico did not restate the evidentiary limitations.

Among all the defendants, Local stands alone. Ten of Local's co-defendants and Hanley had already been tried

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to the denial of which motions exceptions were saved; by Assignments of Error Nos. B-4, B-5, C-1, C-5, C-8, and D; and in its briefs before the Massachusetts Supreme Court (R. 10769-10770; R. 10396; R. 10775-10776; R. 10785-10787; R. 10945-10946; R. 11025-11027; R. 12452-12455, 12459, 12460; Tr. 4/28/67, pp. 65-68; 3 Tr. 230-232, 243-244; 22 Tr. 1401, 1402; 70 Tr. 3998-4000; 74 Tr. 4312-4313; 103 Tr. 6039; Brief of Local on Trial Issues at 18-29; Reply Brief of Local). The Supreme Judicial Court rejected these claims at App. A-22 through A-27.

[3] R. 10950, 13091.

[4] R. 10969-10974, 13100-13122.

[5] 103 Tr. 6016-6033. These instructions are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

[6] A copy of the chart is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the judge's instructions are attached as Exhibit B. Local objected and excepted to these instructions (103 Tr. 6038), and made an oral motion for a mistrial on the grounds that they were too confusing for the jurors to follow (103 Tr. 6039). This issue was raised by Assignment of Error No. 16 (R. 12457) and in Local's brief before the Supreme Judicial Court. Brief of Local on Trial Issues at 16-17. The Supreme Judicial Court rejected this contention at App. A-185 to A-186.

in a previous five-months' trial concerning various indictments charging them with conspiracies and crimes completely different from the conspiracy alleged against Local. Eight of Local's later co-defendants and Hanley had been convicted at that trial. At the outset of Local's only trial, Local's counsel reminded the Court that the previous trial had nothing to do with Local's trial, and insisted that the two trials not be associated.[7] By this time, there had already been references to the "last trial."[8] Two of Local's motions for severance specifically mentioned the prejudice inuring to Local by its being put to trial with the co-defendants who had already been tried in the previous case.[9] Local's efforts to insulate this trial from the previous one were unavailing. The earlier trial came to be referred to euphemistically as "last year" or a "previous occasion."[10] The grouping of the two trials continued even at the appellate level. The cases were argued *seriatim* before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, which rendered a single opinion covering both cases.[11] Failure to insulate the two trials from each other was not, however, a hard and fast rule. The trial court prevented Local from eliciting from the Commonwealth's two principal witnesses the fact that they knew the results of the first trial and

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[7] 5 Tr. 310, 324.

[8] Tr. 4/20/67 p. 39.

[9] R. 10945-10946; 22 Tr. 1401.

[10] See, e.g., 95 Tr. 5853 *et seq.*, 5871; Local's efforts to protect its rights even became the subject of jest in Court, as in the following statement by counsel for another defendant at 5 Tr. 340; "Again, Your Honor, in reviewing the last time, if Mr. Cohen will permit, I notice that the subject came up . . . ."

[11] Appendix A. Counsel for Local objected to the combination of the two cases in a single opinion, by requesting that the decision be re-written into two opinions. The Court denied said request. See Exhibits C and D attached hereto. For the result of this combination of cases, compare Appendix A, the complete opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court, with Appendix E, those portions of the opinion which, we submit, deal with Local's appeal.

the severity of the sanctions imposed on individuals and corporations by the trial court and by the Banking Commission.[12]

Another factor which makes Local unique among all of the defendants is that almost all of the key evidence heard by the jury was never introduced against Local, but only against its co-defendants.[13] Thus, not only was no representative of Local present at the meeting at Haskins and Sells at which the conspiracy was allegedly spawned, but evidence of that meeting was not even offered against Local. Likewise, no representative of Local was present at any of the other conspiratorial meetings at restaurants in Boston and the Commodore Hotel in New York, nor was any evidence of such other meetings offered against Local. In fact, no conspiratorial statements were ever attributed to Local's personnel.

Local, among all the defendants, was uniquely prejudiced by two items of evidence which, although never introduced against Local, substantially and directly reflected adversely on it. The first such item is contained in the testimony of Louis Schwartz, one of the Commonwealth's key witnesses, who was named in the indictment as a co-conspirator. Schwartz testified that in the course of a conversation concerning conspiratorial matters with Edward R. Newhall,

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[12] 73 Tr. 4249-4251; 122 Tr. 6764-6765. Despite the fact that this occurred on cross-examination, Local's counsel offered to prove that the witnesses were aware of the possibility of being sent to prison, and that their companies' licenses might be suspended for at least five months if they failed to cooperate with the Commonwealth (73 Tr. 4249-4250; 122 Tr. 6764-6765). Local later made oral and written motions for mistrial based on the exclusion of this evidence and duly excepted to their denial (R. 11042-11043; 141 Tr. 7223; 153 Tr. 7740). This issue was raised by Assignments of Error Nos. C-12 and C-20 (R. 12456, 12459), was argued in Local's Brief on Trial Issues at 14-16, and was decided adversely at App. A-178 through A-180.

[13] See the chart prepared by Judge Quirico, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

one of Local's co-defendants, Newhall asked Schwartz if he would have any objection if Local's president dropped an envelope off.[14] The effect of this testimony concerning an extrajudicial statement by a co-defendant can only be gauged in juxtaposition with further testimony of Schwartz which *was* admitted against Local. This further testimony was that Local's president telephoned Schwartz, inquiring whether he was going to be in. Within minutes, Local's president arrived at Schwartz's office, handed Schwartz a sealed envelope which felt like it contained several pieces of paper, and said, "This is for Martin." The following day, Hanley called and said, "Louis, I understand you have something for me."[15] We submit that without the evidence of the Newhall conversation, this latter testimony would be colorless. When taken together, the two items are highly damaging to Local.

The other such specific item which was damaging to Local, although not admitted against it, was Exhibit 161, a handwritten memorandum prepared out of court by another of the Commonwealth's principal witnesses, which purported to be a list of the members of a conspiracy to bribe Hanley. It contained a breakdown of the alleged proportionate shares of an $18,500 annual bribe to Hanley from the various loan companies listed. One of the ten listed companies was Local, in the amount of $1,000. Since this exhibit was not offered against Local, counsel voiced strenuous opposition to its admission with Local's name thereon. Counsel suggested that Local's name be excised from the exhibit. However, it was admitted without deleting Local's name, and the jury was permitted to examine it.[16]

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[14] 55 Tr. 3237. This testimony was offered only against Newhall and two other defendants. It was never offered nor admitted against Local.

[15] 55 Tr. 3239, 3243, 3248, 3249, 3255, 3259.

[16] 109 Tr. 6184, 6214-6219; 111 Tr. 6331-6332, 6371; 115 Tr. 6440-6444.

Two and one-half months after the Court had permitted the jury to see this exhibit with Local's name thereon, the Court, with the prosecution's assent, agreed that Local's name could now be masked.[17]

The joinder of Hanley's trial with that of Local created grave problems.[18] Hanley appeared *pro se*. He was not an experienced trial attorney, as any objective reading of his cross-examination of witnesses will abundantly demonstrate. One of the most astounding features of this unusual trial was Hanley's direct examination of himself in his own defense.[19] The jury was treated to the spectacle of Hanley on the witness stand questioning himself in one tone of voice and responding to himself in another. That this procedure eventually got out of hand is exemplified by the fact that one of his answers rambled for over ten pages.[20] All defense counsel in the conspiracy case were forced to sit for days in silent, helpless embarrassment while Hanley put on his ludicrous display.

Almost eleven months after it began, the trial ended when the jury returned verdicts of guilty as to each defendant on each indictment and count on which there had not been a prior directed verdict of acquittal. A fine was subsequently imposed on Local. On appeal, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, in a single opinion, rejected the federal constitutional claims set forth herein and affirmed the convictions of all the defendants in the first trial, of Local and its conspiracy co-defendants, and of Hanley on the separate substantive charges against him.

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[17] 166 Tr. 8366-8367.

[18] Local's constitutional challenges to the joinder are set forth in Note 3 *supra*. Local specifically referred to the dangers of a trial with Hanley at 3 Tr. 230, 243-244; 70 Tr. 3998-4000; 74 Tr. 4303-4306; R. 10945.

[19] 202 Tr. 10625 through 211 Tr. 10885.

[20] 202 Tr. 10650 through 10661.

Reasons for Granting the Writ

THE JOINT TRIAL OF LOCAL TOGETHER WITH ITS CO-DEFENDANTS AND HANLEY VIOLATED LOCAL'S RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.

Local's trial in the Superior Court furnishes an almost classic example of the evils which result from engulfing a defendant in a mass trial.[21] This Court has recognized the danger of transference to other defendants of the effect of evidence admitted only against particular defendants, and has stated that the safeguards against this transference should be made as impregnable as possible.[22] This Court has said, further, that in a mass conspiracy trial, "the proceedings are exceptional to our tradition and call for use of every safeguard to individualize each defendant in his relation to the mass."[23] The only safeguards erected for the protection of Local were the usual admonitions of the trial judge that the jury was to consider, as to each defendant, only that evidence which was introduced against him. As Mr. Justice Jackson pointed out in his concurring opinion in *Krulewitch* v. *United States*, 336 U.S. 440, 453 (1949), 69 S. Ct. 716, 723, the naive assumption that such an instruction can adequately protect a defendant in such

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[21] See Note, *The Challenge of the Mass Trial*, 68 Harv. L. Rev. 1046, 1047 (1955). This Note lists, among the prejudicial elements of a mass trial, (1) the overwhelming volume of testimony and large number of witnesses and exhibits, which may be so difficult for the jury to understand and retain that a rational verdict is practically impossible, (2) the restriction on representation by counsel, (3) the possibility that evidence may be admitted in one party's case which is prejudicial to another party, and (4) the possible detriment to a party caused by obstreperous or poorly conceived tactics of counsel for another party on the same side. All of these elements were present in Local's case.

[22] *Blumenthal* v. *United States*, 332 U.S. 539, 559-560 (1947), 68 S. Ct. 248, 257.

[23] *Kotteakos* v. *United States*, 328 U.S. 750, 773 (1946), 66 S. Ct. 1239, 1252.

a situation is known by all practicing lawyers to be "unmitigated fiction."

The prejudice which overwhelmed the flimsy barrier of the trial judge's instructions was manifest. The evidentiary limitations were so complex and the trial so lengthy that even the trial judge and counsel needed charts to understand the admission and exclusion of various items of evidence against various defendants.[24] The inundation of Local in a mass trial, and more particularly the burial of the evidence against Local in the mass of evidence admitted only against the other defendants, must have contributed to the verdict obtained.[25] The danger that Local was convicted on evidence not admitted against it is heightened by the fact that such a small proportion of the evidence at the trial was, indeed, admitted against Local.[26]

Local was hopelessly prejudiced by references to the previous trial. Local found itself engulfed in a single trial which, however overwhelming it may have seemed to this defendant, was apparently only one of many chapters in a continuing saga as far as most of Local's co-defendants were concerned. The specter of the previous trial hung over even the appellate stage of the case. Because the Supreme Judicial Court decided to combine both "small loans" cases[27] into one opinion, the decision on Local's appeal is buried almost irretrievably in the intricacies of what is, by any standard, an opinion of truly monumental length. It cannot seriously be contended that Local was "individualized" in its relation to the mass, not only with regard to its own trial, but also to the "small loans" cases as a whole.

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[24] See Exhibits A and B attached hereto.

[25] *Chapman* v. *California*, 386 U.S. 18, 24 (1967), 87 S. Ct. 824, 828.

[26] See Exhibit A attached hereto.

[27] App. A-1.

The prejudice which inured to Local because of the length of trial, complexity of evidentiary limitations, and chilling effect of the previous trial was intensified by Hanley's representation of himself. Any hope that order and clarity might somehow be imposed upon the chaos at the trial was dashed by Hanley's fumbling and ill-conceived defense. Hanley's presence in effect deprived Local of its right to assistance of counsel.[28] The fact that he sat at counsel table as an attorney throughout the trial added to the prejudice.

The confusion at the trial created a context "in which the risk that the jury will not, or cannot, follow instructions is so great, and the consequences of failure so vital to the defendant, that the practical and human limitations of the jury system cannot be ignored."[29] *Bruton* v. *United States*, 391 U.S. 123 (1968), 88 S. Ct. 1620, was decided a matter of days before the termination of the instant trial. Although its holding was specifically based upon the Confrontation Clause, counsel for Local regarded the decision as a clear indication that the Court would no longer countenance the reliance by lower courts upon the "unmitigated fiction" referred to by Mr. Justice Jackson in *Krulewitch*, *supra*. In doing so, we relied upon the Court's actions in specifically overruling *Delli Paoli* v. *United States*, 352 U.S. 232 (1956), 77 S. Ct. 294, the decision's quotation of, and implied reliance on, the dissent of Mr. Justice Frankfurter in *Delli Paoli*, 352 U.S. at 247, 248, 77 S. Ct. at 302, 303, the quotation of Mr. Justice Jackson's concurring opinion in *Krulewitch*, *supra*, the lengthy quotation of Chief Justice Traynor's opinion in *People* v. *Aranda*, 63 Cal. 2d 518, 528-

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[28] Local's contention that the joinder deprived it of its right to counsel was advanced at various pre-trial and trial motions and the arguments thereon (R. 10775; Tr. 4/28/67, p. 66; 70 Tr. 3998-4000).

[29] *Bruton* v. *United States*, 391 US. 123, 135 (1968), 88 S. Ct. 1620, 1627.

529, and the decision's reference to the various opinions of Judge Learned Hand and Judge Jerome Frank criticizing, in general, limiting instructions as a means of protecting a defendant against the effects of inadmissible evidence[30]

Local directed the trial court's attention to the *Bruton* decision within days after it was announced, not in reliance upon its specific holding, but rather because of its rationale concerning the inability of a jury to absorb and follow limiting instructions, especially in the fact of highly damaging evidence admitted solely against co-defendants.[31] However, the Supreme Judicial Court did not share our view of *Bruton*. In fact, that Court's opinion with regard to the claim that the jury could not or did not comprehend the evidentiary limitations relies specifically upon "our rule that jurors are expected to follow instructions to disregard matters withdrawn from their consideration,"[32] in apparent disregard of *Bruton's* specific holding overruling *Delli Paoli*.[33]

In reliance upon what we conceived to be the rationale of the decision in *Bruton*,[34] we placed great emphasis in our brief to the Supreme Judicial Court[35] upon the introduction of two specific pieces of evidence solely against co-defendants, to wit, the Newhall extrajudicial statement and Exhibit 161, the list of the members of a conspiracy to bribe Hanley.[36] Inasmuch as this evidence was not to

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[30] *Bruton* v. *United States*, *supra*, 391 U.S. at 126, 128-133, 88 S. Ct. at 1622-1626.

[31] 216 Tr. 11172-11176.

[32] App. A-123.

[33] *Bruton* v. *United States*, *supra*, 391 U.S. at 126, 88 S. Ct. at 1622.

[34] Our reliance upon *Bruton* was heightened by the decision in *Roberts* v. *Russell*, 392 U.S. 293 (1968), 88 S. Ct. 1921, which held that *Bruton* was to be applied retroactively, and was applicable to state prosecutions under the Fourteenth Amendment.

[35] Brief for Local on Trial Issues at 20-27.

[36] See pages 6-8 *supra*.

be admitted against Local, there was an obvious solution which would have protected Local without prejudicing the Commonwealth's case, to wit, the deletion of Local's name.[37] Instead, Local was left naked to prejudicial evidence which should never have been seen or heard by Local's jury.

The Newhall statement would seem to fit closely within the bounds of *Bruton*. The evidence in question concerned an extrajudicial statement directly implicating Local. Although Newhall testified, and was thus available for cross-examination by Local's counsel, he denied having made the statement in question and thus, as a practical matter, could not be cross-examined concerning it.[38] This Court's subsequent decision in *Nelson* v. *O'Neil*, 402 U.S. 622 (1971), 91 S. Ct. 1723, holds that the fact that a declarant disavows his extrajudicial statement on the witness stand is not the equivalent of an utter deprivation of the opportunity to cross-examine. *Nelson* may be distinguished because there the declarant proceeded to testify favorably to the petitioner concerning the underlying facts, a factor upon which the Court in part relied. 402 U.S. at 629, 91 S. Ct. at 1727. Here, however, Newhall gave no testimony favorable to Local concerning the underlying facts of the case.[39] Moreover, a general application of the rationale of *Nelson* would, we submit, substantially negate the effect of *Bruton*. As Mr. Justice Brennan points out in his dissent in *Nelson*, requiring a defendant to rely upon cross-examination to erase the prejudice of inadmissible evidence is to deny such defendant the equal protection of the laws.[40] The defendant

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[37] Local's counsel proposed that this be done with regard to Exhibit 161 (109 Tr. 6214-6215). This procedure is suggested in the case of an extrajudicial statement of a co-defendant by Section 2.3 (ii) of the American Bar Association Project on Minimum Standards for Criminal Justice, Standards Relating to Joinder and Severance.

[38] 168 Tr. 8464; 169 Tr. 8601.

[39] See Newhall's entire testimony at 168 Tr. 8455 through 170 Tr. 8638.

[40] *Nelson* v. *O'Neil*, *supra*, 402 U.S. at 634-635, 91 S. Ct. at 1730.

in such a case is placed in an untenable position. On the one hand, he may refrain from cross-examination, and rely upon the judge's instructions to insulate him from the effect of the damning evidence (a reliance which *Bruton* recognized as futile). On the other hand, he may cross-examine the declarant on the subject of the extrajudicial statement, and *thus render the statement admitted into evidence against him for all purposes.*[41] In either event, the effect is the same—an item of damaging evidence, otherwise inadmissible, is placed before the jury simply because the defendant happens to be tried jointly with others. We submit that this is as great a denial of Fourteenth Amendment rights as is a total lack of opportunity to cross-examine.

Local's trial was replete with the disadvantages which inure to a defendant embroiled in a mass trial. At some point, the combination of factors present in this case—the length of trial, the complexity of the evidentiary limitations, the highly prejudicial effect of the previous trial, the inept and damaging defense presented by Hanley *pro se*, and the admission into evidence against other defendants of Newhall's extrajudicial statement and Exhibit 161—overstepped the bounds of due process. We submit that Local's petition presents the Court with an obligation to define those bounds in the context of a mass trial.

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[41] This is not a remote possibility. In this trial, counsel for Local cross-examined Schwartz concerning an alleged demand for a bribe made by Hanley during the period of the alleged conspiracy (65 Tr. 3788-3789, 3797-3798). The purpose of this line of questioning was to suggest to the jury that it was unlikely that Schwartz and Local would be requested to pay a specific bribe if they were, indeed, part of a group which was allegedly paying Hanley regular annual bribes covering matters including the one in question. However, the Supreme Judicial Court relied in part upon this testimony in deciding that the evidence was sufficient to warrant a verdict against Local. App. A-176.

Conclusion

Local stands alone.

1. It was not in the first trial.
2. It was not at the Haskins & Sells meeting in Newark, where the alleged conspiracy was spawned.
3. In July of 1957, Local's president left a *sealed* envelope with Louis Schwartz.
4. Sometime between March, 1958, and "sometime" in 1959 a Local employee delivered a sealed envelope to Schwartz after a call from Local mentioning *a* payment to Hanley.
5. End of evidence against Local.
6. Local engaged in no conspiratorial activities.
   a. No representative of Local was present at the Boston conspiratorial meetings.
   b. No representative of Local was at the Commodore Hotel meeting.
   c. No representative of Local ever discussed conspiratorial matters.

In view of the above, the conclusion is inescapable that Local was convicted, not on the evidence, but because of the infection and confusion of a mass trial and the trial that preceded it.

For the reasons presented, this petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

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EXHIBIT A*

RECORD OF ACTION OF COURT ON EIGHT (8) MOTIONS FILED BY COMMONWEALTH TO MAKE EVIDENCE ORIGINALLY ADMITTED AS TO PARTICULAR DEFENDANTS APPLICABLE TO ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS

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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF EVIDENCE	TRANSCRIPT PAGES FROM PAGE	FROM LINE	THROUGH PAGE	THROUGH LINE	BEN. FIN. CO.	NEWHALL	FARRELL	GLENN	HOUSE F. CO.	BARBER	PRATT	LOCAL F. CO.	BEAN	WOODCOCK	HANLEY
	LEGEND: X = Original limitation. W = Part of Motion Waived. A = Now *ALLOWED* as to this Deft. D = Now *DENIED* as to this Deft.															
	WITNESS: LOUIS SCHWARTZ															
1.	Parker House Hotel lunch and Hanley demand for $50,000.	3203	18	3206	11	A	A	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—	X
2.	Newhall call to Schwartz after luncheon.	3206	14	3208	11	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	1957 Meeting at Haskins & Sells office in Newark, N.J., and small meeting after luncheon	3212 3220 3229	16 21 5	3216 3226 3230	12) 1) 7)	A	X	—	A	A	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.	Two telephone conversations with Newhall after meeting.	3231	21	3235	15	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Newhall visit to Schwartz and delivery of $2,000 for Hanley.	3235	21	3238	19	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Exhibit A, prepared by Judge Quirico, shows the actions of the trial court on motions of the Commonwealth to extend the evidentiary limitations. It formed the basis of the court's instruction to the jury covering the extended limitations (103 Tr. 6016-6033).

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6.	John McHenry, Sr., call to Schwartz and delivery of envelope.	3238	last	3251	21	A	A	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	—
7.	Schwartz telephone conversations with Hanley.	3254	15	3261	10	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
8.	Delivery of envelopes by Schwartz to Hanley.	3261	11	3275	13	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
9.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1958.	3286	2	3293	14	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
10.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in June, 1958.	3297	7	3304	20	A	A	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
	[Page 13108]															
11.	Schwartz payment of $250. to Hanley in September, 1958.	3305 3311	5 12	3305 3316	11) 10)	A	A	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
12.	John McHenry, Sr., telephone call to Schwartz and delivery of envelope for Hanley.	3306	7	3311	11	A	A	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X

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	WITNESS: LOUIS SCHWARTZ															
13.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in December, 1958	3318	23	3321	last	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
14.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1959.	3327	10	3330	1	A	—	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
15.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in June, 1959.	3330	10	3332	16	A	—	D	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
16.	Conversation with Glynn about cutting down in Dec., 1959.	3333	23	3338	12	A	—	A	X	A	—	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1960.	3338	20	3353	15	A	—	—	X	A	—	—	X	—	—	X
18.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in September, 1960	3353	16	3357	9	A	—	—	X	A	—	—	X	—	—	X
19.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1961.	3357	10	3362	2	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X
20.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in September, 1961.	3362	3	3367	9	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X

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21.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1962.	3367	14	3370	last	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X
22.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in September, 1962.	3375	9	3384	18	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X
23.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in March, 1963.	3387	4	3390	last	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X
24.	Schwartz payment of $250 to Hanley in October, 1963.	3392	2	3392	24)	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	X	—	—	X
		3541	14	3550	12)	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	—	—	—	X
25.	Schwartz and Glynn telephone conversation in 1961 or 1962.	3410	23	3412	3	A	—	—	X	A	—	A	—	—	—	—

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	WITNESS: JAMES NOONAN.															
	[Page 13110]															
1.	Identification.	4258	6	4260	11	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	X	—	—	X
2.	September 1962 luncheon at Locke Ober's.	4260	12	4270	22	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	X	—	—	X
	WITNESS: MICHAEL SANDS.															
1.	Identification.	4287	3	4289	7	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	—	—	—
2.	Delivery of envelope to Schwartz.	4289	8	4292	13	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	—	—	—
	WITNESS: WILLIAM F. HEATH															
	[Page 13111]															
1.	Duck hunting trip to Isle de Grues in the fall of 1958	4605	3	4611	8	A	—	—	X	D	—	—	—	—	—	X

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2.	Parker House lunch with Schwartz and Hanley and $50,000 demand	4630	11	4638	12	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	X
3.	Report of lunch and demand by Hanley to Redfield	4638	13	4638	23	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.	Heath's participation in payments to Hanley during 1958	4639 4675 4676	7 9 3	4643 4675 4676	6) 17) 8)	A	X	—	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	—
5.	Conversations with Hanley about making payments on April 5 and September 15	4643	16	4646	17	A	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—	X
6.	Report of Hanley conversations about April 15 and September 15 to Redfield	4645	22	4646	21	A	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—	X
7.	Heath's participation in a payment to Hanley during 1959	4673	7	4675	8	A	—	D	A	—	—	—	X	—	—	—

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8.	Meeting with Cal Bean at Taunton Inn in summer 1959	4676	16	4680	12	D	—	D	D	—	—	—	D	X	—	—
[Page 13112]																
9.	Report of Cal Bean meeting to Redfield	4680	16	4681	4	D	—	D	D	—	—	—	X	X	—	—
10.	Conversations with Glynn about Bean's proposed expansion	4681	10	4682	23	A	—	—	X	—	—	—	D	—	—	—
11.	Fact of conversations; Glynn conversation itself	4681	10	4682	23	A	—	D	X	—	—	—	D	X	—	—
12.	Meeting in New York during late 1959 or early 1960 about expansion of program	4683	7	4712	3	A	—	X	X	A	—	—	D	—	—	—
13.	Heath payment of $2325 to Hanley in May, 1960	4712	8	4714	12	A	—	X	X	A	—	—	D	—	—	X
		4716	5			D	—	X	X	D	—	—	D	—	—	X
14.	Total amount of $4650 paid to Hanley during 1960	4714	13	4715	13	A	—	X	X	A	—	—	D	—	—	X

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15.	Heath payment of $2325 to Hanley in September or October, 1960	4771	22	4788	18	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
16.	Payments to Hanley in 1961	4789	2	4791	20	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
17.	Conversation with Glynn in April, 1961 about $825 overpayment	4792	5	4795	2	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—
[Page 13113]																
18.	$1500 payment to Hanley by Heath in April or May, 1961	4797	11	4806	12	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
19.	$1500 payment to Hanley in September or October, 1961	4807	4	4812	6	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
20.	Report of $825 advance is reported to Redfield and instructions received	4812 4828	9 9	4821 4828	17) 22)	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—

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21.	Conversation with Glynn about another $825 advance to Heath and Heath's report to Redfield	4821	18	4824	last	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—
22.	Receipt of $825 by mail from Redfield in fall of 1961	4825	1	4825	14	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—
23.	Payment of $825 to Hanley	4825	17	4827	17	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
24.	Total of $4650 paid to Hanley during 1962	4829	6	4835	1	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
25.	$2325 payment to Hanley in April or May, 1962	4835	5	4844	15	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
26.	Payment of $2375 to Hanley in September, 1962	4844	19	4860	8	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
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27.	Conversation with Glynn about being early with payment	4860	11	4864	4	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—

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28.	$2325 payment to Hanley in April, 1963 and Exhibits 152A-152B	4864	8	4897	8	A	—	X	X	A	A	A	W	—	—	X
29.	Glynn, Heath and Pratt as a loose-knit committee of three-payments called M.J.H. Program	4897	11	4914	2	A	—	X	X	A	—	X	D	—	—	—
30.	Meeting places of loose-knit committee	4924	2	4924	16	A	—	X	X	A	—	X	D	—	—	—
31.	Conversation with Glynn about $50 shortage in September, 1962 payment	4940	12	4948	17	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	—
32.	Lunch with Hanley, Noonan and Schwartz at Locke Ober's in September, 1962	4949	1	4961	end	A	—	X	X	A	—	A	D	—	—	X
33.	Reports of payments to loose-knit committee	4979	14	4987	2	A	—	X	X	A	—	X	D	—	—	—

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34.	Purcell's meeting in September, 1962 and receipt of Exhibit 153 from Glynn	4987 5097	9 9	4998 5113	10) 14)	A	—	X	X	A	A	X	D	—	—	—
	[Page 13115]															
35.	Explanation of Exhibit 153 and other entries	4998	11	5018	16	A	—	X	X	A	A	X	D	—	—	—
36.	Hotel Commodore meeting in New York on October 17, 1962	5123	9	5155	19	A	—	X	X	A	X	X	D	—	X	—
37.	Conversation with Glynn about status of September, 1962 State, Family and Seaboard payments of Hanley program and note on ID 557	5162 5171	22 14	5170 5175	2) 4)	A	—	X	X	A	A	A	D	—	—	—
38.	Calculations with Glynn and Pratt on status of M.J.H. Program	5175	24	5183	8	A	—	X	X	A	D	X	D	—	—	—
39.	Statements by Pratt that Lerch and Barber would be in town	5183	9	5186	10	A	—	A	A	A	D	X	D	—	—	—

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40.	Conversations with Glynn about status of Beneficial payments	5186	11	5187	13	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	—
41.	Conversations with Glynn about Seaboard cashier's check	5187	16	5188	23	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	—
42.	Heath notations on ID 557	5189	1	5190	4	D	—	D	—	D	D	D	D	—	X	—
		5189	1	5190	21	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	X	—
43.	Other Heath notations on ID 557	5190	7	5190	21	D	—	D	X	D	D	D	D	—	—	—
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44.	Meeting with Barber at Hotel Statler, September, 1963	5238	5	5250	13	A	—	A	A	A	X	X	W	—	—	—
												part A	Rest as to Pratt			
45.	Conversation about Beneficial's April, 1963 payment to Hanley	5250	16	5251	20	A	—	A	X	A	A	A	W	—	—	—
46.	Change of location of Public Finance-Athol, New Bedford, and Boston, Mass. offices	5265	15	5266	11	—	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X

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47.	Conversations with Hanley concerning the change of location of Public Finance Boston 44 Office	5266 5290	12 1	5279 5290	24) 19)	—	—	A	A	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
48.	Conversations with Hanley concerning the changes of locations of Public Finance offices other than Boston 44	5279	last	5281	10	—	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
49.	1960 Revision of Regulations, Temporary Regulations and conversations with Hanley concerning American Investment's wishes	5290 5295	23 9	5292 5296	13 5	— —	— —	D —	D —	D D	D D	D D	D D	— —	— —	X X
50.	Conversations with Hanley concerning American Investment's desires for Annual Reports	5293	4	5295	8	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X

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	WITNESS: WILLIAM F. HEATH															
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51.	Conversation with Hanley concerning effect of the delay in the Hanley program upon Regulations	5296	6	5297	17	A	—	A	A	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
52.	Conversations with Hanley in 1960 occurring prior to receipt of money from Boudreau and concerning monthly reports	5297	18	5301	3	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
53.	Meeting with Hanley, Leadbetter, Glynn and Miller at Wequassett Inn and inn at Nauset Beach in first week of June, 1960	5302	2	5305	22	A	—	A	A	A	D	A	D	—	—	X

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54.	Discussions concerning Regulations at meeting at Wequassett Inn and inn at Nauset Beach	5305	25	5310	1	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
55.	Meeting with Hanley, Leadbetter, Halloran, Glynn and others at the Colony in Swampscott	5310	2	5313	17	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
56.	Meeting in Provincetown Inn in July 1960 and Hanley's written permission not to file long form monthly report	5313 5320	18 22	5315 5325	21) 25)	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
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57.	Exhibit 154	5315	22	5316	20	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
58.	Issuance of proposed regulations by Bureau of Loan Agencies	5326	1	5326	21	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X

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59.	Heath conversation with Hanley with respect to license fees	5327	4	5329	13	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
60.	Heath conversation with Hanley with respect to license fees	5330	7	5332	24	D	—	D	—	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
61.	Discussions concerning license fees with Hanley, Glynn, Miller and Leadbetter	5329	16	5329	25	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
62.	Meeting at Motel 128 in November, 1960 with Hanley, Glynn, Leadbetter about final form of regulations	5333	22	5341	8	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
63.	Meeting with Hanley and Glynn and Miller about Regulations occurring after Motel 128 meeting and prior to issuance of final Regulations	5341	9	5344	17	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X

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	WITNESS: WILLIAM F. HEATH															
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64.	Conversation with Hanley after meeting with Hanley, Glynn, and Miller and filing of final regulations	5344	18	5346	1	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
65.	Heath handled approval of legal forms for his company and convention with Hanley about approval	5346	2	5347	2	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X
66.	Conversations with Hanley in 1958 with respect to Schedule O of the annual report form	5347	7	5350	20	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X
67.	Meeting between Hanley, Heath, Glynn, McHenry, Sr. in Hanley's office concerning Schedule O	5350	24	5355	11	A	—	—	X	—	—	—	X	—	—	X

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68.	Conversation with Hanley after the meeting concerning Schedule O and the annual arrangement	5356	23	5358	19	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X
69.	Chatham Bars Inn meeting in 1962 concerning C & A	5359	4	5363	1	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
70.	Payment of bills at Chatham Bars Inn, Wequasset Inn, Nauset Beach, Provincetown Inn, Colonial Motel, Route 128 meetings	5363	2	5364	17	A	—	A	X	A	D	A	D	—	—	X
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71.	Conversation with Hanley about renumbering of loans and about other matters	5364	24	5367	3	D	—	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	X

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UNOFFICIAL TABULATION OF ACTION TAKEN BY COURT ON MOTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH TO ADMIT CERTAIN EXHIBITS AND TESTIMONY AGAINST ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS

Motion As To:

1. BENEFICIAL FINANCE CO.:
   - Allowed: 1-31, 34-36, 37 (in part), 38-65, 68, 69, 71, 73-76, 78, 80-82, 85, 87, 89, 91-94
   - Denied: 32, 33, 37 (in part), 66, 67, 70, 72, 77, 79, 83, 84, 86, 88, 90
2. EDWARD R. NEWHALL:
   - Allowed: 1-5
   - Denied:
3. JOHN M. FARRELL:
   - Allowed: 2, 7-9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21-24, 26, 28-30, 33, 35, 36, 37
   - Denied: 1, 3-6, 10, 11, 14, 16-18, 20, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34
4. FRANCIS T. GLYNN:
   - Allowed: 1-21, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34
   - Denied: 22, 23, 25, 27, 29-31, 33, 35-39
   - No Action: 40, 41
5. HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION:
   - Allowed: 1-11, 13 (in part), 15-42, 45, 46, 48, 52, 54-57, 59, 61-63, 66, 68-70
   - Denied: 12, 13 (in part), 43, 44, 47, 49-51, 53, 58, 60, 64, 65, 67

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6. NATHANIEL W. BARBER:
   - Allowed: 1-3, 9a, 10
   - Denied: 4-9, 11-34
7. JAMES S. PRATT
   - Allowed: 1-26, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38-41, 43, 45-47, 50, 52-54
   - Denied: 27, 28, 31, 33-35, 37, 42, 44, 48, 49, 51
8. LOCAL FINANCE CORPORATION:
   - Allowed: 1-3
   - Denied: 4-22, 24, 37, 40-61
   - Waived: 23, 38, 39

EXHIBIT B*

[103 Tr. 6016] From time to time during the course of this trial evidence consisting of either testimony of a witness or exhibits has been admitted with stated limitations that the evidence was applicable only as to certain named defendants. On a number of occasions this Court has instructed the jurors that they must pay attention to such limitations and that they must give effect to them and that their ultimate deliberations and decision as to any particular defendant must be based only on the evidence admitted against or as to that defendant.

No evidence may be considered for or against any defendant if it was so limited that it did not apply to that defendant. These instructions still apply, and you are now and will continue to be governed by them until you have completed your service in this case.

For some days past while you jurors have been absent from the courtroom, the Court has been hearing motions filed by the Commonwealth requesting that certain evidence, originally [6017] limited to one or several specified defendants when it was originally admitted, be now admitted, as to additional defendants. The motions were argued at length, and they have been considered and acted upon by the Court. The effect of the action of the Court is that certain portions of the evidence originally limited in its application has now been admitted as to additional defendants, these additional defendants being defendants named in Indictment No. 11,908.

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* Exhibit B is the instructions given by the trial court to the jury after the expansion of evidentiary limitations. Although the case was not submitted to the jury for almost six months after this instruction was given, the limitations were never restated for the jury. Therefore, this instruction was the barrier upon which the defendants had to rely for protection against transference of the effect of inadmissible evidence.

[6018] You have now been called to the courtroom so that the Court may inform you of the changes which it has thus made in the original limitations and of the additional defendants as to which each of a number of parts of the evidence is now admitted.

In the process of informing you of these changes in limitations, the Court will not read any testimony or exhibits to you verbatim, neither will it attempt to give you a narrative or summary or synopsis of the testimony or the exhibit in question. The Court will simply tell you enough about the particular portion of the evidence so that you may be able to identify and recall that evidence and thereafter consider it as evidence with reference to any defendant as to whom or as to which it is now admitted.

The language which I may use in referring to the evidence in question is not itself evidence, or what I say is not evidence. The evidence is what the witness said or what the exhibit itself says or shows, and not what I may say about it, since I am going to speak only to enable you to identify the evidence or exhibit in question. It is the evidence as contained in the testimony of the witness or as contained in the particular exhibit which you must then consider as to the additional defendants and not what I say about that evidence.

The Court may refer to testimony about a conversation. That does not mean that the witness testifying to that used [6019] the same words which I may use, nor does it mean that the witness in his own testimony quoted any such conversation verbatim. In many instances, as you will recall, the witness or witnesses testifying about conversations purported to give the substance of what was said and not the exact words. Nothing which I say can change that. It is what the witnesses said which governs.

The Court may make reference to certain portions of the testimony of witnesses who, when testifying about that,

said that they were "not sure" or they were "not certain" or that their memory was vague, or that it was hazy. Nothing which I may say about the testimony by way of referring to it changes what the witness said in that regard or in any other regard. You must recall the testimony as the witness gave it, aided only by what I say, so that you may identify what it is that you must recall.

You jurors are the sole judges of the veracity or the credibility of the testimony given by every witness in this trial, and you are also the sole judges of the weight to be given to all of the evidence. Nothing which I say nor the fact alone that I am referring to any particular portion of the evidence affects your responsibility as sole judges of the credibility and weight. You continue to be the sole judges of the credibility and weight.

In referring to portions of the evidence, the Court is [6020] not making any decision or determination as to its credibility or weight. The Court is not permitted or required to do so by law when a jury participates in a trial. That is your job, and you should draw no inferences or conclusions from what I say that I am in any way passing upon the credibility or weight of the evidence to which I refer, or that I am in any way passing upon its importance or relative importance in relation to any other evidence.

Nothing which I say to you should be construed by you as admitting into evidence for a second time as to any defendant, any evidence which was previously admitted as to that defendant.

As to each portion of the evidence on which limitations have been changed, I shall inform you of the change in limitations by giving you the names of the additional defendants as to whom or as to which it is now admitted.

The evidence as to which this Court has allowed the Commonwealth's motion for changes in limitations includes some of the testimony of Louis Schwartz and William F. Heath,

and all of the testimony given in direct-examination by James Noonan and Michael Sands. Most of the evidence on which the limitations have been changed was originally admitted as to one or more of the defendants named in Indictment 11908, but some changes have also been made on the limitations originally imposed on evidence admitted only as to the defendant Hanley on indictments other than 11908.

[6021] All of the changes which the Court has now allowed in the original limitations imposed on evidence take the form and have the effect of permitting certain specified portions of the evidence to be admitted now as to specified defendants on Indictment 11908 only, such evidence not having been admitted as to them previously.

The changes in limitations which the Court has now allowed do not admit any new evidence or additional evidence against any defendants in indictments other than 11908. For this reason, in any instance in which the Court states that the evidence is now being admitted as to additional defendants, it is speaking of those defendants only as to Indictment 11908, and only those defendants whose names I will give you as to each item or groups of items of evidence on which a change has been made.

I do not by that mean that all of these defendants or any number of them are here on indictments other than 11908. I am simply limiting what I say to Indictment 11908, and as to the particular defendants whose names I shall give to you with reference to each item of evidence on which there has been a change.

The changes which this Court has made in the limitations on the applicability of evidence are the following, and you will be required to give effect to such changes. I am going to give you these changes in the order in which the evidence was presented [6022] during the course of this

trial. I will identify the witness who was giving testimony when the particular portions of evidence were offered.

So that the record may be easier to follow, I am going to assign numbers to these items of evidence. These numbers, of course, were not contained in the testimony of witnesses, and the numbers which I am assigning are just so that counsel may better identify them in the transcript.

The first kind of evidence with which we deal is testimony of Louis Schwartz:

1. The testimony of Schwartz concerning the Parker House lunch of June, 1957, is now admitted as to the defendants Beneficial Finance Co., Edward Newhall, Francis Glynn, and Local Finance Corporation.

From this point on, with the other numbers, I am going to shorten my statement of the names of the defendants by using the last names of individual defendants and by using the word "Beneficial" wherever I mean Beneficial Finance Co., and using the word "Local" wherever I mean Local Finance Corporation.

That was No. 1.

2. The testimony of Schwartz concerning a telephone invitation from Newhall to Schwartz to attend a meeting at Haskins & Sells is now admitted as to the defendants Beneficial and Glynn.

[6023] 3. The testimony of Schwartz concerning the Haskins & Sells meeting in June, 1957, is now admitted as to Beneficial, Glynn and Household Finance Corporation.

I shall hereafter refer to Household Finance Corporation as "Household."

4. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Newhall's two telephone talks with Schwartz after the Haskins & Sells meeting is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

5. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Newhall's visits to Schwartz's office in July of 1957 and concerning

delivery of money to Schwartz is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

6. The testimony of Schwartz concerning John McHenry, Sr.'s, telephone call to Schwartz and his delivery of an envelope to Schwartz is now admitted as to Beneficial, Newhall and Glynn.

7. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz-Hanley telephone calls in July of 1957 is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

8. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's delivery of envelopes to Hanley at Schwartz's home is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

9. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's payment to Hanley in March, 1958, is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

10. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's [6024] payment to Hanley in June, 1958, and September, 1958, is now admitted as to Beneficial, Newhall and Glynn.

11. The testimony of Schwartz concerning John McHenry, Sr.'s, telephone call to Schwartz and the delivery of an envelope by Mr. Sands is now admitted as to Beneficial, Newhall and Glynn.

12. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's payments to Hanley in December, 1958, March, 1959, and June, 1959, is now admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

13. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's telephone conversation with Glynn in December of 1959 or in early 1960 is now admitted as to Beneficial, the defendant John Farrell—to whom I shall refer hereafter as Farrell—and Household.

14. Testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's payments to Hanley in March, 1960, and September, 1960, is admitted as to the defendants Beneficial and Household.

15. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's payments to Hanley in March, 1961, September, 1961,

March, 1962, September, 1962, March, 1963, and October, 1963, is now admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt—that is James S. Pratt.

16. The testimony of Schwartz concerning Schwartz's telephone conversations with Glynn in 1960 or 1961 is now admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

17. The testimony of the witness James Noonan on [6025] direct-examination is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household and Pratt.

18. The testimony of Schwartz concerning ....

Excuse me. 16 ended my reference to the testimony of Schwartz. 17 was a single reference to testimony of the witness James Noonan.

18 is a single reference to the testimony of Michael Sands. The testimony of Michael Sands on direct-examination is admitted as to Beneficial.

I shall now refer to items of testimony by the witness William Heath for the rest of my remarks.

19. The testimony of Heath concerning the 1958 hunting trip to Canada is admitted as to Beneficial.

20. The testimony of Heath concerning the Parker House lunch of June, 1957, is admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

21. The testimony of Heath concerning his report to Redfield on the Parker House lunch is admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

22. The testimony of Heath concerning his participation in behalf of his company in 1958 payments to Hanley is admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

23. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Hanley in early 1959 about semi-annual payments is admitted as to Beneficial, Glynn and Local.

24. The testimony of Heath concerning his report to [6026] Redfield of his talk about semi-annual payments is admitted as to Beneficial, Glynn and Local.

25. The testimony of Heath concerning his participation on behalf of his company in a 1959 payment to Hanley is admitted as to Beneficial and Glynn.

26. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Glynn about his, Heath's, meeting with Bean is admitted as to the defendant Beneficial.

27. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at New York at the Hotel Roosevelt or the Hotel Commodore in late 1959 or the first half of 1960 is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

28. The testimony of Heath concerning his payment to Hanley in May, 1960, is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

29. The testimony of Heath concerning the total amount paid by him to Hanley during 1960 is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

30. The testimony of Heath concerning his payment to Hanley in September or October of 1960 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

31. The testimony of Heath concerning the total amount paid by him to Hanley in 1961 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

32. The testimony of Heath concerning the conversation between him and Glynn in April of 1961, about an advance by [6027] Glynn is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

33. The testimony of Heath concerning his payments to Hanley in April or May of 1961 and in September or October of 1961 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

34. The testimony of Heath concerning his report to Redfield of the advance by Glynn and instructions received from Redfield is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

35. The testimony of Heath concerning his request to Glynn for another advance, concerning Glynn's reply thereto, and concerning Heath's report to Redfield, is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

36. The testimony of Heath concerning his receipt of money from Redfield by mail in the Fall of 1961 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

37. The testimony of Heath concerning his second payment to Hanley in the Fall of 1961, the total amount paid by him to Hanley during 1962, concerning his payment to Hanley in April or May, 1962, and concerning his payment to Hanley in September, 1962, is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

38. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Glynn about Heath being early with a payment in September of 1962 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

39. The testimony of Heath concerning his receipt of money by mail from Redfield in April, 1963, concerning Exhibits 152-A and 152-B, and concerning payment to Hanley in April, [6028] 1963, is admitted as to Beneficial, Household, Barber and Pratt.

40. The testimony of Heath concerning the loose-knit committee of three and concerning where the committee met is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

41. The testimony of Heath concerning his conversation with Glynn about a shortage in his, Heath's, September, 1962, payment is admitted as to Beneficial, Household and Pratt.

[6029] 42. The testimony of Heath concerning the lunch at the Locke Ober Restaurant in September 1962 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household, and Pratt.

43. The testimony of Heath concerning his reports to the loose-knit committee about his payments to Hanley is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

44. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at Purcell's Restaurant in October of 1962 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household, and Barber.

45. The testimony of Heath concerning Heath's explanation of abbreviations on Exhibit 153 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household, and Barber.

46. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at the Hotel Commodore in New York on October 17, 1962, is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

47. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Glynn about payments on hand and about the note or notation on the lower one-third of Exhibit for Identification Id. 557 is admitted as to Beneficial, Household, Barber, and Pratt.

48. The testimony of Heath concerning calculations made in the presence of members of the loose-knit committee in 1961 and 1962 is admitted as to Beneficial and Household.

49. The testimony of Heath concerning a statement of Pratt that another named person or persons would be in town is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, and Household.

[6030] 50. The testimony of Heath concerning Glynn's statements to him about the status of Beneficial payments is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

And when I use the word "Beneficial" there in connection with the Beneficial payments, I do not say to you that the conversation was that it was Beneficial Finance Co. I told you that when I use "Beneficial" I am referring to Beneficial Finance Co., but that's only where I am using "Beneficial" as the name of a defendant as to which the evidence is being admitted.

51. The testimony of Heath concerning Glynn's statements to him about a cashier's check is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

52. The testimony of Heath concerning his meeting with Barber at the Hotel Statler in September of 1963 is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, and Household. Part of that testimony was previously admitted as to the defendant Pratt. The balance of that testimony concerning that meeting is now admitted as to the defendant Pratt.

53. The testimony of Heath concerning Glynn's statement to him about Beneficial's April 1963 payment is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, Barber, and Pratt.

Now, what I said to you about using the word "Beneficial" in connection with the statement, "Beneficial's April 1963 payment," or, rather, which I used the word "Beneficial" in [6031] that connection, I am not using it to mean Beneficial Finance Co., the defendant, to which I have been referring as "Beneficial". You must recall the testimony as given by the witness in that regard.

54. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Hanley about a change of location of Public Finance Boston 44 office is admitted as to Farrell, Glynn, Household, and Pratt.

55. The testimony of Heath concerning his talk with Hanley about delay in the Hanley program and action on Regulations is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, Household, and Pratt.

56. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at the Wequasset Inn and at Nauset Beach is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, Household, and Pratt.

57. The testimony of Heath concerning the discussion on Regulations at the Wequasset Inn and at Nauset Beach is admitted as to Beneficial, Glynn, Household, and Pratt.

58. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at The Colony in Swampscott is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

59. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at Provincetown Inn in 1960 is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

60. The testimony of Heath concerning the issuance of proposed Regulations by the Bureau of Loan Agencies is admitted [6032] as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

61. The testimony of Heath concerning discussions in 1960 relating to the amount of the annual license fee is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

62. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at the Motel 128 in November of 1960 is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

63. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting about Regulations which occurred after the Motel 128 meeting is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

64. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting in 1958 in Hanley's office about Schedule O is admitted as to Beneficial.

65. The testimony of Heath concerning a meeting at Chatham Bars Inn in August 1962 is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

66. The testimony of Heath concerning the payment of bills at certain inns and motels is admitted as to Beneficial, Farrell, Household, and Pratt.

That completes the Court's statement of the identification of portions of testimony on which changes in limitations have been ordered. I told you, before I started making this statement of the list of items of evidence affected, that you should give effect to the changes which I have ordered. I repeat that with this proviso, and that is that in the final instructions [6033] to be given to you when the case is submitted to you for deliberation the Court will treat further on how these limitations are to be applied and is to instruct you on certain facts which you are permitted

to find and certain facts which you are required to find before you apply any of this evidence against the defendants as to whom I have this day admitted it, because as to this evidence and as to certain other evidence which has already been admitted in this trial against certain defendants the applicability of such evidence as to such defendants will depend upon facts to be found by you; and I shall give you full and complete instructions in that regard in the final instructions before you retire to deliberate.

EXHIBIT C

November 10, 1971

The Honorable G. Joseph Tauro
Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court
New Courthouse
Pemberton Square
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Chief Justice Tauro:

In re Small Loans Appeal No. 14,585

I am writing this letter as counsel for Local Finance Corporation, which I represented in Appeal No. 15,585. The single decision of the Supreme Judicial Court, returned on November 4, 1971, covers the subject appeal, together with Appeal No. 14,584. Although I do not expect the Court to reverse its decision as far as Local is concerned, request is hereby made that the decision be rewritten. The grounds for this request are as follows:

1. Local Finance Corporation was not a defendant in the first of the "Small Loans" trials covered by Appeal No. 14,584. As the opinion itself makes clear, the facts, the parties, and the crimes alleged were different in the two cases. Local constantly resisted being tried together with the defendant Hanley and the other defendants in Indictment 11,908. It did not prevail upon this point. However, as a result of the representations of various defendants, the cases were argued in the following manner:

(a) Pretrial issues, common to certain defendants in both trials, were separately briefed and argued.

(b) The appeals from the first trial (No. 14,584) were then argued by the defendants and the Commonwealth.

(c) The appeals from the second trial (No. 14,585)

were then argued by the defendants and the Commonwealth.

I feel certain that it was the impression of all counsel that the two appeals were heard, as they should have been, as two distinct criminal cases. It comes as a disturbing surprise to find my client grouped in the same opinion with the defendants and charges in the first trial. This is not merely a matter of style or form. It is Local's intention to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States. Although it is no longer necessary to prepare a formal record for submission with the petition, the rules do require that a copy of the opinion of our Court be attached to the petition. I submit that the *single* opinion of the Court covering *both* appeals imposes a prejudicial and unfair financial and legal burden upon my client. Local should not be required to publish any part of the opinion which is concerned only with the first trial of the case. As Justice Spiegel pointed out at page 247 of the opinion, Local did not raise the question of corporate responsibility to which a great part of it is devoted. Local, at most, was on the fringes of the alleged conspiracy. Its statement of facts will be entirely different from that of any other defendant who decides to seek relief in Washington.

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... For the foregoing reasons, I earnestly request that the opinion of November 4, 1971, be rewritten into two opinions, each covering a separate trial. I do not suggest that every point in the second opinion be covered as fully as in the first opinion. My request is simply that the Court furnish Local with an opinion which is confined to the crime which Local is charged with having committed.

2. The opinion does not take cognizance of any of the facts set forth in the reply brief filed by Local. That document pointed out that the trial judge had granted a very extensive motion to strike evidence, which had been originally admitted against Local. The Commonwealth in its

brief, and Justice Spiegel in his opinion, cited much of this evidence as though it had never been stricken.

Again, this protest is not merely academic. As a matter of fact, it points up the fact that the opinion of the Court does not consider some of the evidentiary arguments made in behalf of Local. For example, on page 224 of the opinion, there is a copy of an exhibit listing contributions allegedly made by certain of the defendant corporations. Local attempted to make the point that the jury saw the original of this exhibit when it was first marked for identification. In that exhibit the blank space actually contained the letters "Loc". Heath, on the witness stand, identified this as meaning "Local". After Local's motion to strike was allowed by the Court, "Loc" was masked out of the exhibit. However, the damage had been done; the jury had seen the letters and had heard Heath testify concerning their meaning.

3. I submit that the statement of facts as it pertains to Local's participation is not completely fair or accurate. From the statement at page 212 of the opinion, the Supreme Court could infer that Sands corroborated Schwartz's testimony concerning McHenry's telephone call, when in fact all he corroborated was the delivery of the envelope. Further, the opinion on page 247-248 would indicate that McHenry, on behalf of Local, concurred with the payment by Schwartz of $2,000 to Hanley. The evidence is exactly the opposite, to wit, that Local declined to participate in any such payment to Hanley and that it withdrew from the agreement concerning the transfer of the offices. This particular evidence was elicited on cross-examination for the precise purpose of disproving the alleged arrangement which involved regular payments for three purposes, including the transfer of licenses.

4. The opinion considers the so-called "two conspiracy" argument of the defendants in the second trial. It

adopts the opinion of the trial judge to the effect that the jury could decide which, if either, of the two conspiracies occurred together with his admonition that if they found more one conspiracy all the defendants should be found not guilty (page 268). Local and one other defendant could have been involved in only one conspiracy, to wit, the one described by Schwartz concerning the rates. Many of the other defendants were identified as participating in both conspiracies. Thus, to this date, it is not clear which of the two conspiracies the jury found to have transpired, and Local is left in limbo.

5. The starting point for *all* the charges in the *second* trial is the meeting at Haskins and Sells in New Jersey. No representative of Local was present at this meeting, and the testimony concerning it was *never offered* against Local. The opinion does not refer to this fact and a higher court might have the impression the evidence was admitted against Local despite the complicated footnotes indicating the defendants against whom such evidence was admitted. In the cause of fairness alone, I suggest that the opinion of the Court reflect the fact that no representative of Local attended the initial meeting in New Jersey or any other meeting in connection with the alleged conspiracy. It is this indiscriminate grouping of Local in the same pool with all the other defendants that has prejudiced it from the day the indictments were returned in 1964.

6. Finally, the opinion points out, at page 30, that there was a substantive indictment for bribery against Local. In all fairness, the opinion ought to mention the fact that we received a directed verdict of acquittal on that indictment (No. 11,996).

Respectfully yours,
(s) LAWRENCE R. COHEN

EXHIBIT D

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
BOSTON, 8, MASSACHUSETTS

R. AMMI CUTTER
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

November 11, 1971

Lawrence R. Cohen, Esquire
19 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

Your request in case No. 14,585, *Commonwealth* v. *Beneficial Finance Co. & others,* that the "decision be rewritten" has been denied by the court.

Prior to receipt of your letter, Appendix B of the opinion was slightly amended and a copy is enclosed for your information. We are adding to the appendix (under the heading "Second Trial" and opposite "Local Finance Corporation") the words "Directed Verdict, Not Guilty, Indictment 11996."

Sincerely yours,
(s) R. AMMI CUTTER

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APPENDIX A

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SUFFOLK COUNTY 1971 SITTING

No. 14,584
No. 14,585

COMMONWEALTH
v.
BENEFICIAL FINANCE COMPANY & OTHERS

OPINION

SPIEGEL, J. We have before us appeals emanating from 2 separate series of indictments and 2 separate jury trials of various individual and corporate defendants.

All of these appeals were taken under G. L. c. 278, §§ 33A-33G, and are before us because of the convictions of a number of individuals and corporations. The corporations convicted in the first trial were Beneficial Finance Company (Beneficial), Household Finance Corporation (Household) and Liberty Loan Corporation (Liberty). The individuals convicted in the first trial were John M. Farrell, Francis T. Glynn, Nathaniel W. Barber, James S. Pratt, Lyle S. Woodcock, Morris Garfinkle and Martin J. Hanley. In the second trial the corporate defendants convicted were Beneficial, Household and Local Finance Corporation (Local). The individuals convicted in the second trial were Hanley, Farrell, Glynn, Barber, Pratt and Edward R. Newhall.

These cases have become generally known as the "small loans" cases. In each case the defendants were charged with various offences under numerous indictments returned in 1964 by a special grand jury. The offences charged were

offering or paying, or soliciting or receiving, bribes, or conspiring to do so.[1] These indictments were presented to the special grand jury as a result of an investigation developed by the Massachusetts Crime Commission (Commission). The Commission was specifically created by the Legislature "to investigate and study as a basis for legislative action the existence and extent of organized crime within the Commonwealth and corrupt practices in government at state and local levels." Resolves of 1962, c. 146, approved July 27, 1962.

Some insight into the sheer detail involved in reviewing the proceedings may be gleaned from the fact that "[p]re-trial motions on these indictments were heard for sixty-five court days ending May 9, 1966. The transcript of the pre-trial proceedings covers 4,730 pages. The decisions disposing of the various motions cover almost 700 pages . . . . [After hearing the judge made extensive findings and rulings on the pre-trial motions.] Forty-nine of the indictments were grouped for [the first] trial which began on July 18, 1966. The trial lasted about five months and generated a voluminous record." See *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, 353 Mass. 236, 237-238. The transcript of evidence consists of 103 volumes containing more than 7,500 pages.

The evidence in the first trial, pertinent portions of which we summarize in detail later in this opinion, is here synopsized. This evidence tends to show that during the year 1962, several licensed small loans companies (corporate defendants), together with certain of their officers and employees (some of whom are defendants), conspired to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle in their capacities as public officials. The purpose of the alleged conspiracy and the payment of the bribe money was to insure the maintenance of a maximum inter-

[1] A chart listing the defendants as well as other individuals and corporations involved in the first and second trials, together with the numbers of the indictments, the disposition thereof, and the status of appeal is appended hereto and marked Appendix B.

est rate which companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth were permitted to charge. Hearings on this matter were conducted by the Small Loans Regulatory Board (Rate Board) in 1962 and the bribe money allegedly paid to Hanley was intended to "fix" the results of these hearings.

The second trial began on July 17, 1967, and required 222 trial days (over a period of about 12 months). Twenty-one of the indictments were grouped for the trial. The transcript of this trial consists of 223 volumes containing more than 14,800 pages. Collectively (pre-trial and both cases), the defendants took more than 5,400 exceptions and assign about 700 numbered multiple assignments of error. The findings, rulings and decisions of the judge (covering all proceedings) contain more than 1,400 printed pages.

The evidence in the second trial, set out in detail in the subsequent portion of this opinion, tends to show that over a period of some 7 years (1957-1963) a number of small loans companies (including the corporate defendants), together with a number of their officers and employees (including the individual defendants named in the conspiracy indictment), allegedly conspired to bribe Hanley. His office as a public official clothed him with extensive powers to approve or disapprove the activities of small loans companies doing business in the Commonwealth. The bribes were alleged to have been paid to Hanley over this period to induce Hanley (1) to approve various requests pertaining to routine matters; (2) to refrain from taking action adverse to certain of the defendants and co-conspirators at rate hearings held during 1957; and (3) to obtain approval of various changes in small loans regulations.

Although these cases were argued consecutively, some of the issues involved necessarily overlapped. The pre-trial issues in both cases were argued jointly. In the interest of lucidity and conciseness this opinion consists of 3 parts.

First, we treat with the pre-trial issues raised by all or some of the defendants whether in the first or second trials. Subsequently we deal with specific issues raised in the first trial and finally with issues raised during the second trial.[2]

Prior to dealing with the issues involved in these appeals, we believe it to be opportune and fitting to make some general observations.

Many of the exceptions are but conglomerate fragments which are obviously of little, if any, merit but in any event are not worthy of discussion and would merely serve to needlessly clutter this opinion. Others present a facade of substantial issues, but when considered in depth, present no problem requiring our comment. Others may show some technical error but are, at best, harmless. We have endeavored to consider and to give scrupulous attention to every assignment of error argued by the defendants. If some assignment of error is not specifically referred to in this opinion, a conclusion that we did not reflect on it would be far from accurate. We recognize the formidable task facing defendants' counsel, as well as the prosecution, in arguing these appeals. We commend counsel for the defendants, as well as counsel for the Commonwealth, for the excellence of their briefs and their obvious devotion to the task confronting them. The briefs filed and the oral arguments of counsel were noteworthy and of valuable assistance to us in the writing of this opinion.

In the case of *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, 353 Mass. 236, 239, we indicated that defendants' counsel were vigilant throughout a lengthy first trial in their efforts to protect the rights of the defendants. This has been equally true throughout the second trial. However, it should be borne in mind that although "a defendant is entitled to a fair trial,

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[2] A table of contents listing each issue discussed in these 3 sections and referring to the discussions by page number is appended hereto and marked Appendix A.

he is not guaranteed a perfect one. *Root* v. *Cunningham*, 344 F. 2d 1, 3 (4th Cir.). *Johns* v. *Smyth*, 176 F. Supp. 949, 952 (E. D. Va.)." *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, *supra*, at 240.

PART I.

Pre-Trial Issues.

All but two of the pre-trial issues raised have been argued extensively by Household. The other defendants in many instances confined their arguments to an adoption of Household's. For this reason, these issues may be most efficiently dealt with by treating with them as argued by Household, listing for each issue the other defendants who have adopted Household's argument on the specific issue. We deal finally with the pre-trial issues which have been raised separately by other defendants and which are not covered in the Household brief.

Household raises 3 issues attacking the validity of the indictments because of the various aspects of the method by which evidence was presented to the special grand jury.

1. The first of these is the allegation that "[t]he indictments were invalid because legislative agents, paid by legislative funds, utilized a legislative investigation to prepare and develop a case for presentation to the special grand jury and then presented that case in violation of [art. 30 of] the Declaration of Rights." Beneficial, Liberty, Local, Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Farrell, Woodcock and Newhall have all adopted Household's argument on this point. It was raised in the pre-trial proceedings by motions to dismiss filed by 6 corporate defendants. The judge heard 17 witnesses and admitted in evidence 26 exhibits relative thereto. He made extensive findings of fact and rulings of law and denied the various motions.

First, Household argues that at the time of its investigation into the small loans companies the Commission was preoccupied with law enforcement rather than remedial legislation to an extent that was in derogation of art. 30 and

its mandate "to investigate and study *as a basis for legislative action*" (emphasis supplied). This objection was raised in the case of *Gardner* v. *Massachusetts Turnpike Authy.*, 347 Mass. 552. There, the respondents cited the Third Report of the Commission (cited also by Household here) in support of a similar contention. We rejected it, holding that "[t]he practice of the Commission as to use of the evidence to convict wrongdoers does not take its program outside the resolve [expressly authorizing the Commission to submit evidence to the Attorney General or other law enforcement agency] or violate art. 30 . . . . [W]e think that the respondents show no more than a commission determined to be effective in its assigned legislative task of the discovery of corruption in government and, in connection therewith, rightly and lawfully dealing with evidence of corruption which that task brings to light." P. 558. Similarly, in the case of *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 101-102, we held this same report consistent with the Commission's legislative function.

Household argues that these cases are not dispositive because it has presented the court with much more evidence of "the Commission's drive to expose, indict and punish" than was present in the records of those cases. However, the evidence to which it refers (statements from Commission reports and from the minutes of the Commission meetings, as well as statements made by the Chairman of the Commission under various circumstances) was also cited to the judge. They are contained or referred to in the judge's findings of fact. In dealing with them he noted that the statements, taken in context, "are coupled with further language which indicates clearly that the Commission recognizes that it has no power or authority to conduct criminal prosecutions, that such power and authority is vested in the Attorney General, and that it is speaking in terms of cooperating with the Attorney General in submitting evi-

dence of criminal activity to him for his decision whether he will prosecute." On this basis the judge concluded that "[t]he Commission never stated, contended, or took the position that it had the authority, power, or duty to prosecute persons shown by its investigations to have committed crimes. . . . The Commission, which belonged to the Legislative Branch of the government of the Commonwealth, did not exercise, or attempt to exercise, any powers of the Executive Branch in the matter of the enforcement of the criminal laws, the prosecution of criminal offenses, or in any other matter." This conclusion is supported by the evidence as a whole and is dispositive of the issue of the claimed inconsistency between the Commission's concern with the indictment and conviction of lawbreakers exposed by its investigations and its primary legislative purpose.

Secondly, Household attempts to demonstrate that the Commission improperly dominated the grand jury proceedings through the medium of Mr. Simonds, who was simultaneously investigating the case as an agent of the Commission while he presented the evidence to the grand jury as a special assistant attorney general. The findings of the judge on the conduct and control of the grand jury proceedings, however, clearly bring this point within the holding in *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 102-103, that participation of the Commission in grand jury proceedings was not improper as long as control remained in the Attorney General. These findings establish, as in the *Favulli* case, that the decision to present the matter to the grand jury was that of the Attorney General and that he at all times "conducted and controlled the presentation of this case to the Special Grand Jury." The judge found that the Attorney General exercised this control through his assistants Mr. Skinner and Mr. Travers, the latter being directly in charge. The function of Mr. Simonds, as special assistant to the

Attorney General, was only "[to assist] to the extent required by [Mr.]Travers."

Since the relevant question is *power* and not *participation* and since the judge's findings establish that *power* with respect to the grand jury proceedings rested at all times in duly authorized members of the Executive Branch other than Mr. Simonds, there is no significance in a possible "merger of the powers" in the person of Mr. Simonds. Furthermore, any such inference is precluded by the judge's finding, amply supported by the evidence, that Mr. Simonds's appointment as a special assistant attorney general "was an appointment in fact and in law; and it was not a sham to enable the Crime Commission to present evidence directly to a Grand Jury." "In appearing before the Special Grand Jury, [Mr.] Simonds did so as a Special Assistant Attorney General, under the direction and control of the Attorney General; and not as counsel for the Commission."

2. The second issue raised by Household is directed at the grand jury proceedings in that "the indictments should have been abated because of the presence of an excessive number of prosecutors while the Special Grand Jury was deliberating and voting and because of the conduct of the prosecutors during such deliberations." Beneficial makes a similar argument, while also adopting that of Household. Liberty, Barber, Woodcock and Pratt have likewise adopted Household's argument. The issue was raised by pleas in abatement (filed separately by Household and certain individual defendants), focusing respectively on the presence and conduct of the prosecutors.

Motions to dismiss the indictments filed by certain corporate defendants also raised this issue in addition to the issue previously treated with by us. The assignments of error which raise this point are directed to the judge's 2 decisions on the pleas in abatement and his decision on

the motions. Each of these 3 decisions overruled so much of the various pleas and motions as rested on the grounds here argued by Household.

The facts as found by the judge in these 3 decisions relative to the presence and conduct of multiple prosecutors before the grand jury and the conclusions he drew from them are as follows. At all times during the grand jury deliberations and voting, which took place on May 7, 1964, and the next day, at least 2 or 3, and at most 5, prosecutors were present in the grand jury room. The 5 were the Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Travers, Skinner and Bachman, and Special Assistant Attorney General Simonds. All 5 had been present at some point during the presentation of evidence to the grand jury and each one of them, except Mr. Skinner, had participated at some point in the examination of witnesses, Mr. Travers and Mr. Simonds having played the leading roles in this process. The judge made findings as to the procedure followed in reading to the grand jury the 129 indictments, which had been prepared in advance by Mr. Simonds and Mr. Travers, and in having them signed by the Attorney General. The judge concluded that "the number of prosecutors present before the Special Grand Jury at any one time during its hearings, deliberations, and voting was no greater than was necessary. All of the prosecutors who were thus present were there in their official capacities, discharging their public duties in connection with this case, and their presence before the Special Grand Jury was necessary at all times when they were present." He then held that the grand jurors were not intimidated, coerced, or influenced by the presence of the several prosecutors.

On the alleged impropriety of the conduct of the prosecutors before the grand jurors, the judge found that there was none. Since "[t]here is no law which requires

that a Grand Jury adopt a vote requesting a prosecutor to prepare an indictment before a prosecutor may do so," he ruled that it was proper for the prosecutors to draw up the 129 indictments in advance, as a means of assisting the grand jury in dealing with a very complex array of evidence. In presenting the indictments to the grand jury in groups of 15 to 20, he found that a prosecutor would refer the jurors to "the area of the evidence on which they were being asked to deliberate and consider the indictments being offered" and that it "was not a statement of what the evidence was or had been on that phase of the case, but it was a reference sufficient only for the jurors to identify the part of the case in connection with which they were being asked to consider the indictments. It was not a summation or argument on the evidence. It served only to identify that phase of the case on which the indictments were being offered from any of the other phases on which the jurors may have heard evidence over the preceding three months."

These findings, all of which are supported by the evidence and the conclusions drawn from them, are not erroneous as matter of law and are dispositive of the objections raised. The test we stated in *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95 (decided after these findings were made), regarding the circumstances under which multiple prosecutors may properly be present before the grand jury applies equally to presence at the voting stage as to presence during presentation of the evidence and deliberations. The distinction Household attempts to make between voting and the other stages is not supported in our law. Indeed, in the *Favulli* case, as here, it appears that multiple prosecutors were present while the grand jury voted. The "controlling principle," we articulated there, is that "[t]he prosecutor has discretion as to the use of assistants and . . . may have present from time to time such reasonable number as he deems

appropriate." P. 106. Under this standard the finding of the judge that "the number of prosecutors present before the Special Grand Jury at any one time. . . was no greater than was necessary" clearly negates the contention that an improper number was present.

The *Favulli* case also states the "controlling principle" to be applied to the conduct of prosecutors: "In presenting cases to the grand jury the prosecutor and his assistants must scrupulously refrain from words or conduct that will invade the province of the grand jury or tend to induce action other than that which the jurors in their uninfluenced judgment deem warranted on the evidence fairly presented before them." P. 106. The findings of the judge, although not worded in precisely these terms, clearly establish compliance by the prosecutors with this standard in their conduct before the grand jury. His conclusions are likewise consistent with our earlier holding in *Attorney Gen.* v. *Pelletier,* 240 Mass. 264, 310, a case of extreme and clearly improper conduct by a prosecutor, that a prosecutor present during grand jury deliberations "cannot participate in the deliberations or express opinions on questions of fact or attempt in any way to influence the action."

3. Having argued the foregoing 2 issues Household further maintains that "[t]he record as a whole demonstrates that . . . [it], and others similarly situated, have been denied the equal protection of law guaranteed by both the Federal and State Constitutions." Liberty, Barber and Pratt adopt Household's argument on this point. This identical point was raised by various defendants in seeking amendments to pleas in abatement and in their challenges to the array of grand jurors. After a hearing on the pleas and challenges in their entirety, with particular reference to the alleged violation of constitutional rights, the judge ruled that "there was no such denial of the constitutional rights of any of such defendants."

The evidence at the hearing consisted of a stipulation entered into by the parties which contained specified portions of evidence previously introduced at certain hearings on particular issues raised by the pleas, plus certain documentary items. In ruling on the issues raised the judge did not make separate findings of fact or rulings of law. He relied instead on findings of fact made by him in 8 previous decisions on specific issues raised by the various pleas, and on portions of his findings of fact made in his decision and order on motions to dismiss the indictments. In addition the judge referred to his findings of fact and rulings of law in other decisions on various pleas in abatement "which may relate to the constitutional issues now under consideration." These adequately disposed of the constitutional objections raised, without requiring further discussion on our part.

In their argument before us the defendants have centered their constitutional objection on 8 aspects of the grand jury proceedings. Five of these are embodied in the 2 issues raised by them dealing with the grand jury proceedings which we have considered above. The other 3 aspects of the proceedings objected to by the defendants are the fact that Mr. Simonds revealed to personnel of the Commission, and to others, matters occurring before the grand jury; that, while acting as special assistant attorney general, Mr. Simonds continued to receive compensation from the Commission; and that the indictments were returned by a special grand jury sitting simultaneously with the regular grand jury for Suffolk County. The first 2 of these latter 3 objections were disposed of as separate issues by the judge in his decisions on pleas specifically raising these issues which were incorporated by reference in his decision on the constitutional questions raised by the pleas in their entirety. The findings of fact contained therein are supported by the evidence, and the rulings of law drawn from them are devoid of error.

The only objection that remains is the one directed at the simultaneous sitting of a special grand jury and a regular grand jury. The permissibility of this practice varies from State to State, depending on their relevant statutory and constitutional provisions, but it presents no Federal constitutional problem. *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 107-108. We discovered no basis in this Commonwealth for objection to the practice.

Having disposed individually of the objections on which the defendants base their allegation of a constitutional violation, we cannot see that they gain any additional strength by cumulation.

4. Household focuses its pre-trial objections on an even earlier stage in the proceedings: the selection of the special grand jury which returned the indictments. Household raises 2 objections to the procedure used, the first being that "the jury lists from which the jurors were drawn were prepared in violation of the requirements of the statutes of this Commonwealth and of the Constitution[s] of the United States and this Commonwealth." Household's argument, which is directed also at the array of petit jurors in the 2 trials, has been adopted by Beneficial, Liberty, Local, Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Farrell, Woodcock, Hanley and Newhall. It was raised on numerous occasions by Household and other defendants prior to and during both trials by pleas in abatement, challenges to the array of grand and petit jurors, challenges to the panel of talesmen, motions for a lawful jury, and motions to discharge venire, all of which were unsuccessful. The judge on at least 1 occasion held a hearing on the factual allegations made therein. With respect to other pleas, the evidence was stipulated. Following a hearing held on certain "pleas in abatement and challenges to the array of grand jurors alleging that they were drawn from lists of registered voters in violation of applicable statutes," the judge made extensive

findings of fact, which are summarized below. Although these findings deal only with the procedure used to prepare the 1963 jury list for the city of Boston, from which 22 of the 23 members of the grand jury were picked, that procedure involves all the features which the defendants allege are in violation of statute and of the Federal Constitution in the drawing up of the lists from which the grand and both petit juries were chosen. No other procedure need therefore be detailed.

The 1963 jury list for the city of Boston contained about 9,000 names, of which about 3,000 were not carried forward from prior lists. To obtain these 3,000 names the Boston board of election commissioners (election board) started from the current list of registered Boston voters, containing 309,082 names, and picked 18,000 names from it according to a random selection process which is not here under attack. The names picked were then narrowed down to 3,000 by eliminating those exempted from service by G. L. c. 234, § 1; those over the age of 65 and under the age of 25;[3] women who requested to be excused under G. L. c. 234, § 4; Federal, State and county employees who requested to be excused; and others who so requested or for whom requests were made by public office holders on the ground of economic hardship.

The election board had available to it but did not use as a source for the jury list the 1963 police list for Boston, which contained the names of persons resident in Boston as of January 1, 1963, of age 20 or over who were not registered voters. The list contained 438,776 names, 129,694 more than the list of registered voters. Of these, the judge found that 11% (48,265) were not qualified to vote and therefore were ineligible for jury duty, without estimating the number in addition who were exempt from duty under

[3] Those under the age of 25 and over the age of 70 are exempt by G.L. c. 234, § 1.

G. L. c. 234, § 1. The election board used the voter list in preference to the police list because it felt that if the police list were used "it would result in a larger number or percentage of those summoned being rejected or eliminated for lack of qualifications to serve as jurors than would be the case if the list of registered voters were used."

First, Household argues that the election board's use of the list of registered voters as a source rather than the police list violated G. L. c. 234, § 1, as amended through St. 1949, c. 349, § 1, which provides in relevant part that, "A person of either sex qualified to vote for representative to the general court, whether a registered voter or not, shall be liable to serve as a juror." We agree with the judge, however, that § 1 is not mandatory and adopt his ruling that "[a]lthough c. 234, § 1, fixes the outer limits of the group of persons '*liable*' for jury service, it does not require or compel the persons charged with responsibility for preparing annual jury lists to include thereon persons from every group, class, or category of persons liable for jury service. . . . [A]lthough the Board did not avail itself of the largest group available, or of the longest list of names available, when it used the list of registered voters as the source of the names of persons placed on the 1963 Jury List, it did not thereby violate the applicable statutes."

Such a reading of § 1 does not make the 1924 (St. 1924, c. 311, § 1) amendment, which adds qualified but non-registered voters, "ineffective," as Household argues. The amendment permitted the election board, by drawing from such a pool, to compile a jury list containing names of people who before the amendment would have been ineligible to serve. Since 1967, the election board has in fact used the police list as its source for the jury list.

Secondly, Household argues that the election board's

elimination of 15,000 names from its list of 18,000 was improper because some people were automatically excluded who were not within the legally exempt categories listed in § 1, and some were excluded at their own request or the request of others for whose exclusion there was no statutory basis. However, the categories of exempt persons in § 1 are not preclusive. The defendants cannot complain that some public employees were excluded at their own request since they have shown no harm stemming from this practice. In addition, the judge specifically found that Federal, State, county and city employees were represented on the jury list. Nor was it improper to exclude some persons at their own request, or that of public officeholders, when, as the judge found, on adequate evidence, the reason for their exclusion was the economic hardship which jury service would entail.

In reducing the list from 18,000 to 3,000, there is no evidence that the election board abused the discretion clearly left to it by the statutory scheme. The statute does not mandate a specific procedure, but simply lists persons eligible and exempt, and from this group directs the election board to prepare a list of persons "of good moral character [and] of sound judgment" whom it determines to be qualified. G. L. c. 234, § 4, as amended through St. 1955, c. 38, § 1.

Finally, Household claims that the jury chosen as a result of the procedure used was substantially different in composition from that which would have resulted had it been drawn from the police list and had only those legally exempt or unsuited in character been excluded. For this reason it is argued that the procedure was constitutionally defective. This contention fails because, as the judge ruled, the defendants have not proved "that there has been any systematic or intentional exclusion of any economic, social, religious, racial, political, or geographical group in the

community."[4] *Ballard* v. *United States,* 329 U.S. 187, 195. *Hoyt* v. *Florida,* 368 U. S. 57, 59. *Swain* v. *Alabama,* 380 U. S. 202. *Young* v. *United States,* 212 F. 2d 236, 238 (D. C. Cir.). *Dow* v. *Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.* 224 F. 2d 414, 425 (3d Cir.). *Commonwealth* v. *Slaney,* 350 Mass. 400, 402. The notion that unregistered voters constitute such a class was rejected in *Gorin* v. *United States,* 313 F. 2d 641 (1st Cir.), in language which is thoroughly applicable to this issue and which was quoted at length by the judge. The mere fact that a different method of selection might have resulted in a jury made up somewhat differently in no way implies that the method used did not yield "a cross-section of the community," which is all that the Constitution requires. *Commonwealth* v. *Ricard,* 355 Mass. 509, 512. *Thiel* v. *Southern Pac. Co.* 328 U. S. 217, 220.

The judge determined that the elaborate statistical tables prepared from published lists by an expert for the defendants and designed to compare the composition of the 1963 jury list, the 1963 registered voter list, and the 1963 police list did not present sufficient evidence on which to base any findings on this point. It was within his discretion not to be convinced by these tables, no matter how carefully and accurately they may have been drawn as a matter of statistical analysis. In light of his extensive discussion of them in his rulings, we are unable to discern any substance to the argument that the judge dismissed them peremptorily.

Likewise, the judge acted within his discretion in refusing to admit similar tables based on interviews with persons not before the court. The defendants concede that the tables were based on hearsay evidence and can point to no statute or case in this Commonwealth requiring their ad-

[4] The further issues of whether the defendants have standing to raise this argument and whether they must, in any event, show prejudice need not be reached.

mission. The fact that some commentators have recommended admission of properly conducted surveys, and that some courts in other jurisdictions have admitted them, does not mean that the judge here was in error in excluding tables based on data from a private survey specifically conducted in behalf of the defendants.

5. Household's second objection to the selection of the special grand jury is directed at the questioning of prospective members by the probation department of the county of Suffolk and by the police of the city of Boston after their names had been drawn from the jury list by the election board. Household's argument that this procedure was in violation of G. L. c. 234, § 24, has been adopted by Liberty, Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Woodcock and Farrell. The issue as raised by "pleas in abatement based on alleged improper or unlawful questioning of prospective grand jurors," filed by Household and certain individual defendants. The judge held a hearing on the factual issues raised therein, after which he made findings, rulings and an order denying the various pleas.

The judge found the following facts regarding the questioning objected to, and the evidence is sufficient to support his findings. Each of the 28 prospective grand jurors drawn from the city of Boston received a "juror's identification card" from the probation department of the county of Suffolk asking for his name, address, age, date of birth and birthplace, occupation, height and weight, parents' names, and marital status. All these cards were received by the various jurors before they started to serve, with the exception of a card sent to one Joseph D. Casey. There was no evidence as to why these cards were sent out by the probation officer or what use was made of them.

In addition to the probation office, the police commissioner of Boston was supplied by the city clerk with a list of names drawn. The police thereupon made up for each

name a "Police Questionnaire" which inquired into the personal habits and character of the subject as well as routine statistics relative to him. These were eventually completed and returned to the office of the commissioner. Duplicate copies were kept by the commissioner and the originals were sent to the office of the district attorney for the county of Suffolk. Again, there was no evidence as to what use was made of the questionnaires, or whether any member of the Attorney General's office ever saw them prior to the hearing on the defendants' motions challenging the grand jury.

Eight grand jurors were visited and questioned by a police officer. Seven were asked only their name, address, marital status, business or occupation, name of employer, and, in some instances, whether they had previously served on a jury. Juror Casey was further asked as to his education, lodge affiliations, and political views. The judge found that all 8 had been questioned before they had received a summons under G. L. c. 234, § 24, notifying them that they had been drawn to serve as grand jurors. Three other members received telephone calls from persons asking similar questions, but there was no evidence as to the identity of such persons. The 11 members so called or visited testified that they had not been influenced thereby in their service as jurors. In addition the judge found that the above procedures involved no "intimidation or attempted intimidation" and that "no pressure or improper influence [was] brought to bear upon any such juror."

Household's objections are based on G. L. c. 234, § 24 (as amended by St. 1956, c. 278), which deals generally with individual notification of prospective jurors. The last sentence of § 24, added by St. 1956, c. 278, provides, that "[a]fter the service of such venire has been made, no person shall, except as otherwise provided by law, question any person so summoned for the purpose of obtaining in-

formation as to his background in connection with his jury duty." Assuming arguendo that this amendment applies to grand jurors as well as petit jurors (see G. L. [Ter. Ed.] c. 277, § 3), the objection raised is almost entirely obviated by the facts found by the judge and by his conclusion, "that the prohibition against questioning starts after a juror has been summoned" pursuant to the summons having been issued by either of the 2 methods detailed in the first part of § 24. We agree with the judge that this interpretation of the phrase "[a]fter the service of such venire," used as it is in conjunction with "any person so summoned," refers to "service of the venire on the municipality," and is more consistent with the language of § 24 than that which the defendants urge. As the judge noted, "At that time no juror has yet been drawn, and of course no person has been summoned to serve as a juror. Even after the municipality has made its drawing and listed the persons drawn to serve as jurors, there is no one who fits the statutory description of 'any person so summoned.'" It follows, therefore, and it was so held by the judge, that none of the juror's identification cards sent out by the probation office could have been in violation of § 24 with the exception of the card sent to juror Casey. Similarly, the questioning by the police was not in violation of § 24 because it occurred before notification of the jurors. Of the telephone calls allegedly made, only that to juror Spanoghe occurred after she was summoned under § 24.

Since the police questionnaires were not sent to the jurors and could not, therefore, constitute questioning of "any person so summoned,"[5] the sole questions left for

[5] The judge stated that he was not "condoning the practice," which seems open to question. Nonetheless, we are of opinion that it was not a violation of § 24. Since there is no evidence that the jurors (with 1 exception) were aware that such an investigation was being made, it is clearly not the kind of practice which tends to obstruct the honest and fair administration of justice and therefore is presumptively preju-

decision are whether the juror's identification card sent to juror Casey and the telephone call to juror Spanoghe were in violation of § 24.

The judge ruled that the identification card sent to juror Casey did not violate § 24 because the questions contained on it were not "for the purpose of obtaining information as to his background in connection with his jury duty," the only form of questioning prohibited by § 24. The judge concluded that the questions asked did not bear on juror Casey's "background in connection with his jury duty," since they sought only "information commonly required in all inquiries dealing with personal identity." We believe this conclusion is sound. It interprets the phrase "background in connection with . . . jury duty" in a way that is consistent with the purpose of the statute — to prevent inquiry which would tend to detract from the jury's impartiality. It follows, therefore, that the identification cards involved here are harmless and fall outside the prohibition no matter when they were sent.

With respect to the telephone call to juror Spanoghe, the judge made no finding as to what questions she was

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dicial, such as was treated with in *Sinclair* v. *United States*, 279 U.S. 749 (jurors shadowed during trial by private detective); *Gideon* v. *United States*, 52 F. 2d 427 (8th Cir.) (questionnaire sent to jurors with summons included question directly related to crime charged in the case); and *Cammer* v. *United States*, 223 F. 2d 322 (D. C. Cir.) (questionnaire sent by defendant's attorney to grand jurors who were Federal employees relative to effect of the government's loyalty program on them as grand jurors). The sole exception to this statement is juror Casey who was personally questioned by the police about his education, lodge affiliations, and political views and therefore was presumably aware of the more than rudimentary investigation being conducted by the police. Even in his case, however, the timing of the police questioning was such as to remove it from the statutory prohibition, and the cases in this Commonwealth are clear that such questioning is not in and of itself improper. *Commonwealth* v. *Cero*, 264 Mass. 264, 272-276. *Commonwealth* v. *Sherman*, 294 Mass. 379, 385-386. *Commonwealth* v. *Smith*, 350 Mass. 600, 602. These cases are not inconsistent with the Federal cases cited above dealing with practices which are so suspect as to warrant the presumption of prejudice.

asked. However, he made a subsequent ruling that the pleas were not legally sufficient, which is dispositive of that issue as well as of all the others raised by the questioning here involved. The ground for this ruling was that § 24 does not require as matter of law "that the return of an indictment by a Grand Jury . . . be declared invalid and set aside for the sole reason that a member of that jury was previously questioned in violation of § 24; absent, as in this case, any actual coercion, intimidation, or improper influence on the juror, and absent any impairment of the impartiality of the juror." Without expressing an opinion as to whether prejudice must be shown in every case, we agree that it must be shown where the statute has been violated by one who is not connected with a party adversary to the party protesting the violation. Since, therefore, the judge found that "there was no evidence from which any responsibility for . . . [the call to juror Spanoghe] can be placed on the Commonwealth or any of its public prosecutors," it cannot form a basis for abating the indictments, even if we should assume that it was in violation of § 24.

6. Household and several other defendants argue that the joinder of indictments in both the first and second trials was prejudicial to them and that their various pre-trial motions for severance should have been granted.[6] The groupings were as follows: Forty-nine indictments involving a total of 16 defendants were joined in the first trial. These contained conspiracy charges and substantive charges against several finance companies and individuals for bribing Hanley or, alternatively, Garfinkle; conspiracy

[6] Other motions for severance were made during both trials after the judge had expanded the limitations on certain portions of the evidence to include certain defendants against whom such portions had not originally been admitted. The issue raised by these motions, which question the validity of expanding limitations in this manner, is dealt with in the conduct of the trial section of this opinion, *infra*, 102-103. To the extent that the defendants have raised this issue in connection with their pre-trial motions for severance, we deal with it here.

charges against Hanley and Garfinkle; and felony charges against Hanley and Garfinkle separately for requesting and accepting bribes. This grouping was the result of a motion for joinder filed by the Commonwealth. After hearing, the judge allowed the motion on March 25, 1966.

The joinder at the second trial was the result of a similar motion by the Commonwealth. This grouping consisted of 1 conspiracy indictment against 6 corporations and 8 individuals, 1 substantive indictment for bribery against Local alone, and 19 substantive indictments against Hanley relating to his requesting and accepting gifts and gratuities.

The defendants Household, Beneficial, Liberty, Woodcock and Local have severally argued a total of 4 grounds to support their contention that the joinder in 1 or both trials was improper, and that severance along the lines that they sought should have been granted. Barber and Pratt have adopted Household's arguments with respect to both trials. We deal seriatim with the 4 grounds raised, identifying with respect to each ground the defendants who have raised it.

The first ground alleged, as expressed by the defendants Liberty and Woodcock in their consolidated brief covering the first trial, is that "[t]rying the defendants with others on an indictment of conspiracy gave unfair tactical advantage to the prosecution in that a substantial amount of prejudicial evidence was presented to the jury which was inadmissible against these defendants." Local makes a similar argument with respect to the second trial grouping, alleging in addition that although other defendants were also prejudiced by the joinder Local should have a new trial even if the other defendants do not "because certain items of prejudicial evidence . . . were not only damaging in the extreme, but were also unique as to Local."

It is true that joinder of conspiracy indictments with substantive indictments allowed evidence to be admitted against some defendants which was inadmissible as to others. However, this fact is not in and of itself enough to compel severance. *Commonwealth* v. *Sacco*, 255 Mass. 369, 413. *Commonwealth* v. *Bingham*, 158 Mass. 169, 171. *Katz* v. *United States*, 321 F. 2d 7, 8 (1st Cir.). *Caton* v. *United States*, 407 F. 2d 367, 372 (8th Cir.). At the time of the trial, joinder of conspiracy and substantive indictments was permissible.[7]

Another ground urged is related to the one stated above. Liberty and Woodcock in the first trial, and Household in the second trial, object in particular to the fact that the defences of certain of their codefendants (especially Hanley in the second trial), were antagonistic to their own. Thus, evidence which was prejudicial to them and which would not have been admissible had they been tried separately was admitted because it was relevant to the defence of others. However, this feature of joint trials, like the more general feature of evidence submitted being admissible against less than all of the defendants, does not require severance. *Commonwealth* v. *Mil'en*, 289 Mass. 441, 459-460. *Dauer* v. *United States*, 189 F. 2d 343, 344 (10th Cir.).

Thirdly, Liberty and Woodcock allege that the joinder in the first trial of indictments in which they were named as defendants with "a vast number of indictments in which they were not mentioned necessarily created improper prejudice." It is contended in particular that the joinder of indictments against them and other defendants relating to the giving of bribes, with indictments against Hanley and Garfinkle relating to the soliciting of bribes, "re-

[7] This practice has since been prohibited by G.L. c. 278, § 2A, which we held nonretroactive in *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , (Mass. Adv. Sh. [1970] 619, 633-634).

sulted in the seepage, nay transference, of evidence not otherwise admissible against these defendants." Liberty and Woodcock's reliance on *King* v. *United States*, 355 F. 2d 700 (1st Cir.), seems to us to be misplaced. In that case severance was required because the two indictments involved, 1 against 1 defendant and 1 against the same defendant and another, related to 2 separate transactions. The court stated that joinder was permissible (even where proof of the other criminal transactions charged would not be admissible in a separate trial) where joinder of the indictments resulted in sufficient benefit to the court, as where there was "an overlapping of issues." P. 704. The example given of such an instance — "when some defendants are charged with transporting stolen goods in interstate commerce, and others are charged with receiving the goods, so stolen" — is closely analogous to the case at bar.

The fourth ground alleged by Liberty and Woodcock in the first trial is that "trying these defendants with other defendants deprived them of the constitutional right to call other defendants as witnesses on their behalf." They cite no case, however, supporting this proposition. There are, on the contrary, cases in the Federal Courts refusing severance despite the fact that 1 defendant is thereby deprived of another defendant as his witness. *Olmstead* v. *United States*, 19 F. 2d 842, 847-848 (9th Cir.). *Gorin* v. *United States*, 313 F. 2d 641, 645-646 (1st Cir.). The instant case is not one in which the defendants seeking severance have shown that their codefendants were in possession of exculpatory evidence. Compare *United States* v. *Echeles*, 352 F. 2d 892, 897-898 (7th Cir.). Nor has Liberty or Woodcock displayed any other substantial need for their codefendants' testimony. Compare *United States* v. *Gleason*, 259 F. Supp. 282, 284-285 (S. D. N. Y.). Indeed, they have failed to demonstrate even that any of

their codefendants would have been willing to testify on their behalf in a separate trial.

Liberty and Woodcock further argue that joinder deprived them not only of the favorable testimony of their codefendants but also of the right to cross-examine codefendants whose extrajudicial statements inculpating Liberty and Woodcock were admitted through the witness Heath. They argue that the rationale of *Bruton* v. *United States*, 391 U. S. 123, should be extended to this case. The statements here in question, however, were admitted under a recognized exception to the hearsay rule for statements of co-conspirators in furtherance of a conspiracy, unlike the confession of 1 codefendant in the *Bruton* case. The court in the *Bruton* case explicitly declined to intimate that the exclusionary rule it required in that case should extend, under the Sixth Amendment, to evidence admitted under "any recognized exception to the hearsay rule." P. 128, fn. 3. Cf. *Dutton* v. *Evans*, 400 U. S. 74. We see no reason to so extend the *Bruton* rule.

We have dealt separately with all the grounds stated. We are aware of the disadvantages accruing to the defendants from joinder, and cited to us as reasons why joinder was improper. We believe that our foregoing discussion demonstrates that none of them standing alone requires severance. The question then remains whether the judge, in considering the disadvantages cumulatively, was compelled to grant severance. It is our view that it was for the judge to weigh all the factors, which were reasonably foreseeable, against the probable benefits of joinder as sought by the Commonwealth. The decision was for him to make as matter of discretion, and we reverse him only if there has been "a clear abuse of discretion" — that is, "[i]f it clearly appear[ed] . . . that . . . [the] defendant . . . [would] not receive a fair trial without a severance when all the circumstances . . . [were]

considered in the light of sound judicial discretion and common sense." *Baker* v. *United States*, 329 F. 2d 786, 787 (10th Cir.). *Johnson* v. *United States*, 356 F. 2d 680, 682 (8th Cir.). *Commonwealth* v. *Geary*, 352 Mass. 427, 431. *Commonwealth* v. *Fancy*, 349 Mass. 196, 204-205. *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, 353 Mass. 236, 240-241. "The protection of defendants' rights . . . , while of paramount importance, cannot be considered without reference to the orderly transaction of judicial business. . . . The judge had to consider . . . the cost to the public of a multiplicity of trials." *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, *supra*, at 240. The Commonwealth, in asking for joinder in the first trial, stated the following grounds: (1) the indictments pertained to the same basic factual transaction, involving the same witnesses, and grouping them would therefore provide a workable and not unduly long trial (see *Commonwealth* v. *Maloney*, 348 Mass. 610, 613); (2) there was a logical nexus among the witnesses and the defendants; (3) complexity and hardship on the defendants would be avoided; and (4) there was a near coincidence of dates and time spans covering the allegations of criminal conduct. Similar grounds could have been cited to support the second trial grouping. Weighing these considerations against the disadvantages to the defendants arising from joinder, from the point of view of the judge when he decided to grant the Commonwealth's motions, and even in the light of hind-sight, we believe that the defendants have not demonstrated sufficient prejudice to them to override the overwhelming benefits of joinder. There was no abuse of the judge's discretion.

7. The final pre-trial issue raised by Household relates only to the second trial. Household, Glynn, Farrell and Newhall argue that "[t]he trial of Indictment 11908 should have been barred by principles of double jeopardy because of the prior conviction for a legally identical offense in the

trial of Indictment 11900." Accordingly it is contended that it was error for the judge to deny Household's and other defendants' various motions to dismiss which raised this issue. Beneficial, Barber and Pratt have adopted Household's argument on this point.

Indictment 11900, tried in the first grouping, charged 8 corporations and 8 individuals with conspiring to bribe Hanley in his official capacity during a period of 6 years "next preceding the finding and filing of this indictment." Four co-conspirators were named but not charged in the indictment. Indictment 11908 charged 7 corporations and 11 individuals in identical language with a similar conspiracy from January 1, 1957, "continuing up to and including the day of finding and filing of this indictment." Eight others were named as co-conspirators but not defendants in that indictment. The 2 indictments had in common 11 defendants (6 corporations and 5 individuals), and 4 named co-conspirators.

At the request of several defendants the Commonwealth filed bills of particulars with respect to both indictments. In addition, well before the filing of any motion based on double jeopardy in the second trial, the Commonwealth filed "Representations of Evidence in [S]upport of Motion for Joinder or Grouping." This document, together with the various bills of particulars, established that the conspiracy which was the subject of the first trial was a narrow conspiracy to bribe Hanley in connection with the Rate Board proceedings of 1962. By contrast, the conspiracy at which No. 11908 was aimed was continuing. Begun in 1957, it involved yearly payments to Hanley in order to insure in general that his official acts were in the best interests of the small loans industry.

In these circumstances the defendants' various motions were properly denied. Despite the identical charging language, the indictments were sufficiently dissimilar on their

face with respect to dates and persons named to raise a question of fact as to whether the conspiracies charged in the 2 indictments were the same. Had there been no question that the indictments stemmed from the same occurrence, the issue of double jeopardy would have been one of law to be decided from the face of the indictments by the judge. The test would have been whether the same facts which would support a conviction in 1 indictment would likewise be sufficient to support a conviction in the other. *Commonwealth* v. *Roby*, 12 Pick. 496. *Morey* v. *Commonwealth*, 108 Mass. 433. *Commonwealth* v. *Robinson*, 126 Mass. 259. *Commonwealth* v. *DiStasio*, 297 Mass. 347. *Commonwealth* v. *Mahoney*, 331 Mass. 510. In the instant cases, however, where the indictments were as consistent with 2 factually distinct offences as with 1, and where the Commonwealth put this question directly in issue by its replication (*Commonwealth* v. *Wermouth*, 174 Mass. 74, 78), the burden was on the defendants to establish the identity of the facts involved. *Commonwealth* v. *Daley*, 4 Gray, 209. *Commonwealth* v. *Wermouth*, *supra*. They did not satisfy this burden in the face of the evidence submitted by the Commonwealth that No. 11908 referred to a conspiracy distinct from that for which the defendants had been convicted in the first trial. Although both indictments were framed in sufficiently general language so that the same facts could have been used to support a conviction for both, this did not entitle the defendants to a ruling that the first conviction was a bar to the second indictment, where further inquiry demonstrated that the 2 offences charged were not in fact the same. *Commonwealth* v. *Fredericks*, 155 Mass. 455, 457. *Commonwealth* v. *Wermouth*, 174 Mass. 74. *Commonwealth* v. *Sutherland*, 109 Mass. 342, 343. *Short* v. *United States*, 91 F. 2d 614, 624 (4th Cir.).

8. Three of the 4 foreign corporate defendants, Beneficial, Liberty, and Local, have raised the issue whether

the court could exercise jurisdiction over them, and even if it could, whether service of process was properly made on them. Liberty and Local rely on Beneficial's statement of the applicable legal principles, detailing separately only their particular corporate structures against which they would have such principles applied, and the agent on whom service was made. The issue was raised by special appearances, pleas to the jurisdiction and motions to quash process filed separately by the 3 corporate defendants and others. Hearings were held on the various pleas, on which the judge made extensive findings of fact relative to the corporate defendants "doing business" in Massachusetts and to the agents on whom process was served. In each case the judge concluded that the court could exercise jurisdiction and that service had been properly made.

We agree with the judge's rejection of the defendants' preliminary argument "that Massachusetts cannot in any event acquire jurisdiction over them in any criminal case for the simple reason that it has no statute providing therefor, or giving the Court such jurisdiction." We think it is irrefutable, as the judge held, that "having jurisdiction over the offense charged, . . . the Court need not rely on any statute. It has many powers not found in express language of statutes." See *Commonwealth* v. *New York Cent. & H. R. R.R.* 206 Mass. 417, 428-429; *Crocker* v. *Justices of Superior Court*, 208 Mass. 162, 171-172.

The second part of the defendants' argument on the question of jurisdiction is that they, the parent companies, were not doing sufficient business in Massachusetts to enable a Massachusetts court to exercise jurisdiction over them, as opposed to the subsidiary business trusts through which all 3 operated in this Commonwealth. However, we see the question of jurisdiction as indistinguishable from that whether under relevant principles of corporate responsibility, applied to the participation of agents of each cor-

porate defendant in the offences charged, the particular corporate defendant may be held accountable. If under the applicable substantive law a foreign corporation is responsible for the acts of individuals which constituted a crime in this Commonwealth, it is inconsistent with the inherent power of a court to prosecute criminal offenders to insulate the corporation from liability on the basis of the manner in which the corporation generally runs its affairs.[8] Of course, the general corporate structure and its operational features are highly relevant to the question whether the acts of a given individual, who is formally the employee of 1 or of several subsidiary members of the network, may be attributed to the parent corporation. However, that net-

[8] The defendants' argument on this point is barren of merit. This is reflected by 2 separate proposed drafts of the American Law Institute. The Am. Law Inst., Model Penal Code, § 1.03 (1) (Proposed Final Draft, 1962) provides in pertinent part: "Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a person [including by definition a corporation] may be convicted under the law of this State of an offense committed by his own conduct *or the conduct of another for which he is legally accountable if:* . . . (c) conduct occurring outside the State is sufficient under the law of this State to constitute a conspiracy to commit an offense within the State and an overt act in furtherance of such conspiracy occurs within the State" (emphasis supplied). Restatement 2d: Foreign Relations Law of the United States, § 18, provides: "A state has jurisdiction to prescribe a rule of law attaching legal consequences to conduct that occurs outside its territory and causes an effect within its territory, if either (a) the conduct and its effect are generally recognized as constituent elements of a crime or tort under the law of states that have reasonably developed legal systems, or (b) (i) the conduct and its effect are constituent elements of activity to which the rule applies; (ii) the effect within the territory is substantial; (iii) it occurs as a direct and foreseeable result of the conduct outside the territory; and (iv) the rule is not inconsistent with the principles of justice generally recognized by states that have reasonably developed legal systems."

The above simply reflect the elementary rule that a jurisdiction has inherent power to prosecute those who reside outside of its jurisdictional boundaries and commit a crime within its boundaries. Thus, the only question that remains is the evidentiary matter of ascribing the acts of the defendants, who committed overt acts inside the Commonwealth, to the corporations on whose behalf they acted.

work and structure in and of itself is not conclusive on the question of jurisdiction.

There is no need to further discuss the findings of the judge as to the corporate structures of the 3 defendants, or their arguments that the judge erroneously held that these structures established sufficient contacts with the Commonwealth to warrant the exercise of jurisdiction. We refer instead to that part of the opinion, *infra*, wherein we deal with the corporate defendants' responsibility for the acts of their agents in this Commonwealth in furtherance of the conspiracy and discuss the corporate network of the several defendants to the extent that it is relevant.

Finally, we discern no substance to the defendants' claim that service was improperly made. Once power in the court is established, it may be implemented by any appropriate means. G.L. c. 220, § 2. The summonses used in this case were appropriate and sufficient to give the defendants fair notice of the indictments against them, as required by due process of law. *Commonwealth* v. *New York Cent. & H. R. R.R.* 206 Mass. 417, 429. *United States* v. *Standard Oil Co.* 154 Fed. 728, 731 (W. D. Tenn.). See *International Shoe Co.* v. *Washington*, 326 U. S. 310, 316. The only requirement that remains is that service be on appropriate agents of the defendants,[9] and the judge's findings cover this matter. In the case of Beneficial, one Frank J. McCann, trustee of all 3 of the Massachusetts business trusts, vice-president of Beneficial Management Corporation and supervising director for all of Beneficial's Massachusetts loan offices, was

[9] General Laws c. 223, § 38, provides that service on a foreign corporation may be made as provided in § 37 on domestic corporations. Section 37 (as amended through St. 1962, c. 750, § 71), in part provides that service may be made on "the president, treasurer, clerk, cashier, secretary, agent or other officer in charge of its business." The judge correctly held that these sections were applicable only to civil actions. Therefore, service here is governed by the more flexible principle of due process as well as the general provisions of G.L. c. 220, § 2. See G.L. c. 223A, § 6.

served. In the case of Liberty, service was made on the divisional supervisor of the 15 Massachusetts business trusts through which it did business in Massachusetts. Similarly, in the case of Local, it was made on the district supervisor of the New England division of Provident Management Corporation, a subsidiary of Local which controlled the operations of the Massachusetts loan offices. We see no basis for reversing the judge's determination that each of these 3 men was a proper agent for service on the parent corporation.

9. The final pre-trial issue we treat with is raised by Liberty and Woodcock and relates to a "Motion for Leave to File Motion to Dismiss" and an accompanying "Motion to Dismiss." [10] This issue is unique to them. These motions were filed on September 28, 1966, the thirty-fourth day of the first trial. They claim that "as there was insufficient evidence presented to the grand jury, it was error of constitutional dimension to deny [the] defendants' motions." This contention is based on the testimony of one William F. Heath contained in the grand jury transcript which had been made available to the defendants 2 days before filing their motions. At the hearing on the motions these defendants also submitted the "Commonwealth's stipulation" which they maintain established that this portion of the transcript contained all of the evidence incriminating them which was presented to the grand jury. The stipulation in fact stated that "[*t*]*o the best of the Commonwealth's knowledge*" this portion was the only testimony relating these defendants to "the events occurring on October 17, 1962." It further stated "[*t*]*he Commonwealth does not recall* any other grand jury witness who testified to any talk with Lyle S. Woodcock other than William F. Heath,

[10] This was replaced the next day by a "Substitute Motion to Dismiss."

either before or after October 17, 1962, relative to the matters on trial" (emphasis supplied).

The judge correctly ruled that under Rule 101A of the Superior Court (1964),[11] the motion was not timely. In addition he cited G. L. c. 277, § 47A, and a number of cases in support of his action. Both defendants had previously entered pleas of "Not Guilty," and the time for filing special pleas and motions had long since expired for both of them. The motion was therefore addressed to the sound discretion of the judge. He did not abuse this discretion in ruling that despite the fact that "the defendants did not receive the Grand Jury transcript until September 26, 1966," they had made "no showing of any reason sufficiently strong or impelling to require . . . [him] to exercise . . . [his] discretion to permit the defendants to file their proposed '*Substitute Motion to Dismiss*' at this stage of the proceedings, and during the course of the present jury trial." Return of an indictment on insufficient evidence is not an error of constitutional dimensions such as to compel a judge to consider an untimely motion. *Costello* v. *United States*, 350 U. S. 359, 363-364. *Lawn* v. *United States*, 355 U. S. 339, 349-350. Furthermore, assuming *arguendo* that a defendant may, at least in some cases, attack an indictment as based on insufficient evidence and that the portion of the transcript here submitted was insufficient to sustain the indictments against the defendants, the judge was correct in

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[11] "A plea of not guilty, whether voluntarily made by the defendant or entered by order of the Court, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of matters in bar or abatement or an admission of the validity of the indictment or complaint. A defendant at the time of the entry of such plea, or within ten days thereafter or within such further time as the Court may order, may file such motions and other pleadings relating to matters in bar or abatement or to the validity of the indictment or complaint as he may desire without at any time retracting the plea of not guilty.

"Lack of jurisdiction or the failure of the indictment or complaint to charge an offense may be raised at any time during the pendency of the proceedings."

noting that the "stipulation does not state that there was no other evidence before the Grand Jury bearing on these indictments; and it does not exclude the possibility of such other evidence or of inferences from evidence. The records in this case show that these grand jurors were convened or impanelled on January 27, 1964, and that these indictments were returned on May 8, 1964. However, except for what is contained in . . . [the portion of the transcript submitted by these defendants], this Court has no information or knowledge of what evidence was before the grand jurors, or what knowledge or information they had, before they returned the indictments."

PART II

The First Trial

A. *THE EVIDENCE*

We summarize pertinent portions of the evidence most favorable to the Commonwealth.[12] In 1962, the small loans

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[12] In a conspiracy case, the trial judge must make, at least by implication, a preliminary ruling that, as a matter of law, the evidence is sufficient to permit the jury to find that a conspiracy existed and certain persons were parties to it before granting a motion to admit the evidence of the acts, knowledge, and admissions of one conspirator against his co-conspirators. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , , fn. 27 (Mass. Adv. Sh. [1970] 619, 637, fn. 27). A preliminary ruling of this type is proper "when sufficient evidence has accumulated to support a fair inference of the existence of a conspiracy." *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133. In the present case, the trial judge explicitly made a preliminary ruling as to the existence of a conspiracy and participants in the conspiracy.

Therefore, throughout the lengthy trial, items of evidence were admitted subject to limitations. In order to recite the evidence without stating each limitation, we have adopted the following system employed by the Commonwealth which indicates what evidence was admitted against which defendants and subsequently expanded to include other defendants. Each defendant is referred to in connection with a particular item of evidence by footnote. In the footnote the following symbols are used to designate the particular defendants: "H" is Household; "B" is Beneficial; "Lib" is Liberty; "G" is Glynn; "F" is Farrell; "P" is Pratt; "Br" is Barber; "W" is Woodcock; "Hly" is Hanley; and "Gkle" is Garfinkle. Where evidence admitted against a defendant was limited to a specific indictment or count thereof, this

industry in Massachusetts was regulated by the Commissioner of Banks (Commissioner) who was head of the division of banks and loan agencies within the Department of Banking and Insurance. G.L. c. 26, §§ 1, 2. At that time, the law of this Commonwealth provided that any person who sought to engage in the business of making small loans had first to obtain a license from the Commissioner. G.L. c. 140, § 96. The Commissioner was also authorized to appoint a deputy to serve as supervisor of loan agencies. G.L. c. 26, § 4. In 1962, and at all times material to this case, the supervisor of loan agencies and Deputy Commissioner of Banks was Martin J. Hanley.

The permissible interest rate on small loans was regulated by the Rate Board which was within the division of banks and loan agencies. G.L. c. 26, §§ 1-5A. The Rate Board consisted of the State Treasurer, the Commissioner of Banks, the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and 2 persons appointed by the Governor, 1 of whom was required to be a representative of organized labor. G.L. c. 26, §§ 5, 5A. In 1962, the members of the Rate Board were John T. Driscoll, State Treasurer, Edward A. Counihan, Third, Commissioner of Banks, Guy J. Rizzoto, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, George P. Govostes, and Morris Garfinkle.

Among the corporations actively engaged in making

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is stated following the symbol used for that defendant. Where original limitations were expanded to include other defendants, following the preliminary ruling by the judge as to the existence of a conspiracy, the expanded limitations are shown in parentheses following the original limitations. Thus a footnote which reads "P, G, Hly 11976 (H, B)" means that the item of evidence referred to by the footnote was originally admitted against Pratt and Glynn, and against Hanley only on Indictment 11976, and that following the preliminary ruling the limitation was expanded to include Household and Beneficial. A limiting footnote applies to the evidence immediately preceding it in that paragraph or following the next preceding footnote, if more than 1 footnote appears in a paragraph. Evidence as to which no footnotes appear was admitted without limitation.

"small loans" at interest rates established by the Rate Board were the following: Beneficial, Household, Liberty, American Investment Company of Illinois (American), Family Finance Corporation (Family) and State Loan and Finance Corporation (State).

Beneficial, a holding company incorporated in Delaware, is the sole owner of 3 Massachusetts business trusts licensed to carry on the small loans business in this Commonwealth. These are: Industrial Bankers, New England Equity, and Workingmens Loan Association. Collectively, these trusts have 58 small loans offices throughout Massachusetts, each of which does business under the name of Beneficial. Beneficial is also the sole owner of a subsidiary company, Beneficial Management Corporation (Beneficial Management) which handles the payroll and all of the legal, accounting and auditing services for Beneficial's 3 Massachusetts business trusts.[13]

In 1962, the defendant Glynn was "Director of Industry Relations" for the Beneficial Finance "System." He was formally an employee of Beneficial Management and on the payroll of 1 of Beneficial's business trusts.[14] On occasion he would report to the operating head of Beneficial's local division,[15] but he would report principally to Farrell, who was a vice-president of Beneficial Management.

Pratt was the New England "Regional Director of Public Relations" for Household.[16] In performing his duties he often visited the State House and would talk with personnel in the Department of Banking including those dealing with small loans.[17]

Barber, who was also engaged in public relations work

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on behalf of Household[18] was Pratt's superior and Pratt would report to him once a week by mail.[19]

Liberty, a Delaware corporation, owned the beneficial shares of several Massachusetts business trusts engaged in the business of making small loans in this State. Woodcock was an executive vice-president and a director of Liberty.[20]

American operated its small loans business in the Commonwealth under the name of Public Finance Corporation (Public). Heath was American's New England regional director and its operations vice-president. Four-fifths of his time was spent in "industrial relations" primarily in maintaining a good relationship "with the Small Loans Department, and the personnel thereof, and particularly [with] . . . Hanley."[21] In the performance of his duties he associated with the public relations men of other finance companies, primarily with Glynn of Beneficial, Pratt of Household and one Gordon J. Thomasch of State.

Heath was the Commonwealth's principal witness. He testified that between 1960 and September, 1963, he met socially with Glynn and with Hanley on the average of 2 or 3 times a week. These meetings generally involved "luncheons, dinners [and a] little socializing" at various Boston Restaurants such as Locke-Ober's, Boston Club, Stella's, Giro's, Jacob Wirth's, Marie's Keyboard, Red Coach Grille and Pete's. Members of the banking department, legislators and representatives of other finance companies also attended. Heath met with Glynn and Hanley outside of Boston and at times overnight at such places as the "Motel 128 out in Dedham on at least a couple of occasions . . . Swampscott, on one occasion . . . at the

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Wequassett Inn and the Nauset Inn in Orleans on at least one occasion . . . [and] at the Orleans Inn on one occasion." In August, 1962, a four-day meeting was held at the Chatham Bars Inn. At all of these meetings the bills were paid prorata by the public relations men of the various finance companies who were present.[22]

Pratt, of Household, was also present "once or twice a year" when Heath and Glynn met with Hanley.[23] Heath and Glynn helped Pratt make out the reports which were sent once a week to Barber stating where Pratt had been and to whom he had talked.[24] At this same time, Glynn, Pratt and Heath would meet as an "unofficial committee of three to get together and check with each other on matters of mutual interest in the absence of any association through which . . . [they] could work." Glynn acted as "sort of a chairman of the group."[25] *Infra*, pp. 67, 68.

During the summer of 1962, the Legislature expanded the $1,500 limitation on small loans to include loans up to $3,000. Since the Rate Board was responsible for regulating the interest rate on such loans, it scheduled hearings on the maximum permissible interest rates which could be charged by licensed finance companies on loans of $1,501 to $3,000. The hearings were scheduled to begin on November 13, 1962. In the interim, the interest rate then applicable to loans of $1,001 to $1,500 was made applicable to loans between $1,501 and $3,000.

About the time of the enactment of the $3,000 ceiling on small loans, Hanley met with Glynn and Heath "three or four" times "in various restaurants." The 3 of them discussed the upcoming hearings before the Rate Board, and the possibility of paying money to Hanley to insure

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[22] Hly, G (B-11900, 11910)
[23] Hly, G, P (B-11900, 11910)
[24] P, G
[25] G, P (B, H)

a favorable result from the Rate Board. Characterizing such payment as a "program," Hanley said that "if a program was going to be conducted, that he would handle the program, that there should be no interference from members of the industry, and that it would be his responsibility to deliver the votes." Hanley also said "that the industry would have to have the money put up in advance and that whoever was going to handle any program would have to have access to this money so that the transaction could be completed immediately and on time." Glynn and Heath said in substance that they "had no authority at that time to commit . . . [themselves] to a program, that there was about to be a meeting in New York at which, in . . . [their] opinion, such a decision would be made one way or the other." They further told Hanley that the industry would be content with the interest rates which were then in effect. Hanley replied that "he was happy about this situation" because he had feared that the industry might want a better rate than that presently in existence.[26]

Subsequent to these meetings with Hanley, Heath and Glynn met during the fall of 1962 on at least a half dozen occasions. They discussed between themselves the Rate Board hearings. Glynn told Heath that the defendant Farrell "had delegated to him the responsibility for setting up this meeting in New York." Glynn also said that "he was having difficulty in doing this, difficulty in contacting the various members of the industry who were attending this meeting." Heath responded that, "This makes no sense. You and I are working the lower echelon, and the people you are attempting to contact, it would seem to me that Mr. Farrell is in contact with these people at his level, and that protocol would indicate that he

[26] Hly, G (B)

should set the meeting up." Later, Glynn told Heath that "Farrell had now taken over the arrangements of inviting the various members of the industry, and that the matter was out of his hands as far as talking to the individuals concerned."[27]

Approximately 1 week before the meeting in New York, which was scheduled for October 17, 1962, Heath met with Glynn and Pratt at Purcell's restaurant for lunch. Glynn began discussion of the Rate Board hearings saying, "We are going up to this New York meeting. They will expect us to make recommendations. We should present a united front, if possible, so let's see if we are in agreement. We do not know whether the industry will decide upon a program or not. If they do decide upon a program, we should have a united front." Heath and Pratt each stated that he agreed with Glynn's analysis of the situation. Glynn then said that "[i]f the industry decides to adopt a program, they will ask us to give our recommendation as to what our opinion is of what the total cost of this program might be." Heath again agreed with Glynn but Pratt questioned whether the industry was going to be interested in the program. Glynn reponded: "I believe we should recommend that the cost of such a program would be between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars." Heath said, "I agree with you . . . but I doubt very much if we can sell that size program in New York." Pratt also questioned the cost of the program by stating, "You will never sell that size program to the industry." Subsequently, Heath said: "We are in agreement . . . and as far as I am concerned we will recommend the same program." Pratt responded by saying: "We are in agreement." Glynn next stated that "Hanley was a key figure in the forthcoming rate hearings" and that a

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member of the Rate Board was also a key figure. Glynn mentioned that "Hanley might require as high as $25,000 and that the other member of the Rate Board would have to be treated equally." Heath concurred with Glynn; and Pratt said that "We will have to have at least three votes of the Board."[28]

Approximately 2 or 3 days prior to the New York meeting Glynn told Heath that "[w]e will have a meeting in New York at the Hotel Commodore at 10 o'clock on October 17th."[29] The day before the meeting Hanley telephoned Heath and Heath told him, "We will have the answer when I come back from New York as to whether there will or will not be a program."[30] Heath arrived in New York by train that same night.

The next morning he went to a conference room on the second floor of the Hotel Commodore at approximately 10 A.M. At the meeting were Glynn and Farrell of Beneficial, Pratt and Barber of Household, Godshall of Family, Thomasch of State, Woodcock of Liberty and a lawyer, one Mr. Taulbee. Farrell acted as chairman of the meeting.[31]

After lunch, which began about 1 P.M., while everyone was present except Mr. Taulbee, there was a discussion regarding the Rate Board hearings. Heath testified that everybody present "engaged in that discussion, to various degrees." Farrell initiated discussion concerning a "program." He said: "We now have another decision to make, gentlemen, and that is whether we should consider conducting a program to insure a favorable decision by the Rate Board, or should we go on the merits?" Glynn spoke next, saying, "Hanley is putting pressure on us. When we return from this meeting, we must have an answer on

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this subject. . . . 'There seems to be no formal preparation for a rate hearing,' and that those of us on the local scene would come to the conclusion that a program should be adopted." Heath agreed. Glynn then resumed speaking. He said: "The conditions of this program are that Mr. Hanley will handle the program. Mr. Hanley will be responsible for obtaining the necessary votes. There is to be no interference on the part of any members of the industry. The money will have to be put up in advance, in escrow . . . so that it will be available immediately upon the decision of the Rate Board." Farrell asked Glynn: "Frank, will you give us your estimation of the cost of this program?" Glynn replied: "We feel the program will cost between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars." Then "everybody talked at once."[32]

Woodcock was the first to speak out. He said in substance "that the cost of this program was completely ridiculous, out of order, out of control, and that his company would have nothing to do with a program of that size." Barber agreed that the cost was too high saying that "The cost of this program is ridiculous, unheard of, preposterous." Farrell also said that the "cost of this program seems to be completely out of line, but I still think we should give the matter some consideration. . . . Heath, you are on the local scene with Frank; what is your opinion?" Heath replied: "I am in general agreement with Glynn. However, I feel that this program could be handled for approximately half of the minimum figure, or $25,000." Heath further said that he "did not envy the gentleman who handled the program; that the problem is to convince Mr. Hanley that $25,000 was all there was, and there was no more. It was 'take it, or leave it.' And, '. . . if the money was piled up in neat little piles in

[32] F, G, Br, P, W (B, H, Lib)

front of Mr. Hanley,' it was my opinion, '. . . he would take it.' " Glynn responded to Heath "that the figure . . . [Heath] had recommended was ridiculous; such a program would fall flat on its face." However, Woodcock affirmed Heath's estimation saying, "At the $25,000 figure perhaps we have no choice, but I want it clearly understood that the figure is $25,000 and not one penny more, and no one is to come back at a later date and request that the figure be raised, under any conditions." Farrell then confirmed the "program" at that price, stating that "[a]pparently we are in agreement on the $25,000 figure." [33]

The next person to speak asked, "Who is going to handle this program?" Farrell responded, "I presume Frank [Glynn] will," but Glynn then stated, "I will have nothing to do with such a program. I have no intention of going back to Mr. Hanley and making a fool of myself with such a proposition." Heath also refused, saying "Not me. . . . I will have nothing to do with this. I am only giving you my impression of how it can be done. I have had no experience with Rate Boards, and I know no one on the Rate Board." Barber then interjected: "I would like you gentlemen to consider a suggestion that I have. I believe that I might be the logical man to handle this program. Heath and Glynn have to work on a daily basis with Mr. Hanley. I am a stranger. I can come into this State of Massachusetts on a one-shot deal. If Mr. Hanley gets mad at me, there is no harm done. I will not take advantage of the entree. . . . I will not step on Heath and Glynn's toes. I will not stay in the state. I will come in and get out, and Mr. Heath and Mr. Glynn should have no concern over my coming in." Glynn responded to Barber's offer saying, "I doubt very much if Mr. Barber will have any success, but I will step aside." [34]

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[33] F, G, Br, P, W (B, H, Lib)
[34] F, G, Br, P, W (H, B, Lib)

The next question posed at this meeting concerned the apportionment of costs for the "program." Farrell stated: "I presume we will allocate the expenses among the big three on a pro-rata basis of outstandings and possibly with the smaller companies on a flat payment."[35] Subsequently, Godshall of Family and Thomasch of State stated that they did not have sufficient authority to commit their companies. Godshall said: "I have no authority to commit my company. I will report back." Similarly, Thomasch stated: "I do not have authority to commit my company, and I will make my report to my superiors." Farrell then replied: "I understand, and I myself will be in contact with Mr. Whilden of Family and Mr. Winston of State Finance and Loan Company." No other representative at the meeting asserted that he did not have authority to commit his company and the meeting ended shortly thereafter at approximately 4 P.M.[36]

Previously that morning, before the meeting began, Hanley telephoned Glynn. Glynn reported this call to Heath. Later that morning Hanley again called, while the meeting was in progress, and again spoke directly to Glynn. Heath also spoke to Hanley at that time.[37]

Heath returned to Boston the same night and received a call from Hanley. Heath told Hanley that "a problem had arisen at the meeting; that . . . [Glynn] had dropped the ball; that . . . [Glynn] was staying over an extra day; and that, when he came in, undoubtedly he would fill Martin in."[38]

Toward the end of October or the beginning of Novem-

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[35] "Outstandings" are the aggregate amount of loans owed to a particular loan office.

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[38] Hly (F, G, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib — The subsequent admission was limited to the conspiracy to bribe Hanley indictment, and count 1 of the offer to bribe Hanley indictments.)

ber, before the commencement of the Rate Board hearings, Heath had several conversations with Hanley wherein Hanley asked, "Where is Mr. Barber?" Heath would say, "I haven't the slightest idea." Glynn was present at 1 of these meetings and also said, "I don't know where he is." Later, Glynn and Heath asked Pratt in substance "Where is Barber? Is he coming in or isn't he?" Pratt replied: "Mr. Barber will be in. He is tied up at the moment on other matters."[39]

On November 8, 1962, Heath went to Glynn's room at the Parker House, where he was joined by Glynn, Hanley and another man. They had just had lunch together. At the room, Hanley asked Glynn to call Barber in Washington to assure him that he (Glynn) had not been interfering in the program and would not interfere. Glynn placed the call and Heath heard him say, "Hi, Nat." At that point Hanley left the room, saying that he was going down to the Pub. Glynn told Barber that he (Glynn) had no intention of interfering in the program. The conversation lasted about 20 minutes during which Glynn's voice became loud and he "finally slammed the phone down on the receiver."[40]

In mid-November, 1962, Glynn called Heath and told him he was at the Boston Club with Garfinkle and another member of the Rate Board. Glynn "chuckled" when Heath said: "You wouldn't be lousing things up, would you?"

The Rate Board hearings began on November 13, 1962. The Department of Banking, recognized as a party in in-

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[39] G, Hly (F, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib — The subsequent admission was limited to the conspiracy to bribe Hanley, and count 1 of the offer to bribe Hanley indictments.)

[40] G, H (F, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib — the subsequent admission was limited to the conspiracy indictments, and to count 1 of the substantive indictments for all of these defendants except Beneficial as to which the evidence was admitted on both counts, to wit, the offer to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle.)

terest, was represented by Hanley. He cross-examined witnesses and presented argument to the Rate Board.

During the course of the hearings in the last week of November, Heath received a call from Hanley asking Heath to meet him at the Statler Hotel. When Heath arrived, he was met by Hanley, who then left, returning about 2 hours later with Garfinkle. The 3 of them then went into a dining room to have lunch. During lunch, Heath told Garfinkle, at Hanley's request, that during a meeting in New York Barber had been authorized to conduct negotiations on the "program" and that Glynn had no authority to negotiate. Garfinkle replied, "Thank you, Bill [Heath] I've been confused. Mr. Glynn has been talking to me. Mr. Hanley says he has no authority to. I realize the danger of talking to unauthorized persons." Garfinkle then recounted an incident about a former member of the Rate Board, not related to the 1962 Rate Board, who had been promised $5,000, but never received it.[41]

In the latter part of November, Heath again received a call from Hanley, who said that he wanted Heath to step in and handle the program. Heath refused to do so, saying, "I have no intention and will not step into this program until at least two conditions are met: One, that Mr. Barber personally call me and inform me that he is stepping out of this program; two, that my home office call me and instruct me to step into this program."[42]

Approximately a week later, Heath received another call from Hanley. Hanley said: "Bill, Frank's messing around has raised the ante. It is now necessary to raise another ten thousand dollars. Otherwise, the program is in danger of collapse." Heath repeated that he would not step into the program until the 2 conditions previously mentioned had been met.[43]

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[41] Hly (F, G, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib)
[42] Hly (F, G, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib)
[43] Hly (F, G, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib)

About a week later, approximately the third week in December, Hanley again called Heath. Hanley said that the program was in danger of collapse unless another $10,000 was raised, and it was possible that the Rate Board might bring out a substantial reduction in interest which could cost the industry a considerable amount of money. Heath reiterated his previous conditions.[44]

About the middle of December, Heath saw Barber at a hearing at the State House.[45] Barber said to him: "I just left Martin [Hanley] across the street. He is putting pressure on me to raise another $10,000. I am unable to obtain it from the original group. Do you think that Charlie McDermott and his group could raise the additional $10,000?" Heath suggested that Barber call McDermott directly to see if his group would. Heath and Barber then went to the Parker House. Barber told Heath he was going down to his room to call McDermott.[46] Shortly thereafter, Glynn met Heath in the room and said he had just been drinking at the Pub with Hanley, Garfinkle and Govostes, another member of the Rate Board. Glynn suggested that Heath go back there with him. Heath accompanied Glynn back to the Pub and there they sat down with Hanley, Garfinkle and Govostes.[47]

During the next few days Heath met Glynn on a couple of occasions and asked him if he had "heard any more as to whether McDermott had given Mr. Barber an answer on the additional $10,000?" Glynn replied that "Charlie McDermott told Mr. Barber that his group would have

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[44] Hly (F, G, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib)

[45] It is not clear from the transcript whether this was a Rate Board hearing.

[46] Br (F, G, P, W, H, B, Lib — The subsequent admission was limited to the conspiracy indictments and count 1 of the substantive indictments except as to Household, against whom the evidence was admitted on both counts.)

[47] G (Br, P, F, W, H, B, Lib)

nothing to do with the raising of the additional $10,000. This was a chain program, and let the chains [48] handle it, and his group would have nothing to do with it." [49]

On December 27, 1962, the day the Rate Board made its decision, Glynn and Heath were in the corridor outside the hearing room where the Rate Board was meeting in executive session. Heath said: "What's going on in there, Frank?" Glynn responded, "They're about to adjourn the hearings, and they are placing the responsibility for such adjournment upon Martin." Heath stated that it seemed peculiar to him that Hanley "would stand still for this." [50]

That same day, after the Rate Board hearing had been opened to the public, the chairman of the Rate Board stated: "On the basis of the record, and particularly the request of Mr. Hanley, representing the Banking Department, the . . . [Rate Board] by unanimous vote hereby terminates this hearing." [51] Thus, the Rate Board concluded its hearings at that time without changing the existing interest rates on loans between $1,501 and $3,000.

During the first week in January, 1963, Heath asked Glynn whether "Mr. Barber had come into Massachusetts

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[48] A "chain" refers to a small loans company having more than 1 office.

[49] G (F, Br, P, W — The subsequent admission was limited to the conspiracy indictments and count 2 of the substantive indictments.)

[50] G (F, B, P, W, H, B, Lib — The subsequent admission was made as to all indictments against the corporate defendants but was limited as to the individual defendants on the conspiracy indictment and to count 1 on the substantive indictments.)

[51] Hanley's "request" was embodied in a statement which reads as follows: "[T]he Department [of Banking] wishes to indicate with reluctance that due to the absence of these vital figures in the figures reported by the industry for the year 1961 that it is utterly impossible for anyone to determine at this time the precise amount of a book asset base and, therefore, the Department has absolutely no alternative but to suggest that this Board take no action upon the matter . . . until the 1962 figures have been received and processed by the Banking Department, which should occur to the best of the Department's knowledge and prediction some time in July or September of next year."

to deliver the package?" Glynn said that Barber had not.[52]

There was further testimony from one Jerome Troy, judge of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District, that he was a long-time friend of Hanley's, and that he and Hanley went to Washington together on or about January 22, 1963. They stayed at the Wardman Park Hotel and the bill was paid for by Household. While in Washington Hanley and Troy visited the offices of 1 of the finance companies and had lunch with 2 men, 1 of whom Troy had met at the finance company office.

Shortly after this trip, Heath met Glynn and asked him if Barber had come to Boston and delivered the "package" to Hanley. Glynn replied, "No, he did not come in, but Marty [Hanley] and Jerry Troy went down to Washington, at which time the package was delivered."[53]

Approximately 9 months later, in September, 1963, Pratt telephoned Heath and told him that Barber was in town and would like to talk to him (Heath). Pratt said: "We are at the Statler Hotel. Will you come over and join us?" Heath replied that he would, and later met Barber at the hotel. Barber told him that Hanley and Troy had been in Washington and that he (Barber) had taken them to lunch. Heath asked, "Was that $25,000 mission ever completed?" Barber replied: "Yes, it was." "For once American . . . brought in their proportional share early."

The above evidence comprises most of the *essential* testimony and exhibits presented to the jury in the first trial. Other pertinent evidence not recited above which is particularly applicable to the case of a specific defendant

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[52] G (F, Br, P, W, H, B, Lib) — The subsequent admission was made as to all indictments against the individual defendants but was limited to count 2 on the substantive indictment, that is, the offer to bribe Garfinkle.)

[53] G (B — The subsequent admission was made on the conspiracy indictments and on count 1 of the substantive indictment.)

or which relates to a specific issue will be recounted in the portion of the opinion where such issue is discussed. In certain instances, because of the many issues involved in these appeals, there will be some degree of overlapping and restatement of evidence.

B. *THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE.*

The Individual Defendants.

1. *Pratt* — The first issue we treat with concerns the sufficiency of the evidence to link Pratt to the alleged conspiracy. The evidence initially admitted against Pratt, and offered as tending to connect him to the conspiracy may be divided into 4 categories: (1) Evidence concerning Pratt's position and duties in connection with his employment by Household Finance Corporation; (2) His meeting with Heath and Glynn at Purcell's restaurant within 1 week before the Commodore Hotel meeting; (3) The general industry meeting of October 17, 1962, at the Commodore Hotel in New York City; and (4) The incident in early November, 1962, when Pratt told Glynn, "Barber is tied up but he will be in."

The first category of evidence shows that Pratt came to Massachusetts in 1959 as Household's regional director for public relations in New England. As part of his duties, Pratt kept in touch with members of the Legislature and personnel in both the Department of Banking and the small loans division. He presented to them Household's position on legislative and regulatory matters, visited the State House, and attended the hearings of legislative committees. He also attended certain hearings of the Department of Banking, the Rate Board, and was present at a meeting of the small loans division. Early in 1962, Barber became Pratt's superior and Pratt reported to Barber once a week by mail. Pratt informed Barber where he (Pratt) had been and to whom he had talked.

Pratt associated with Glynn of Beneficial and Heath of

American. Glynn and Heath helped Pratt make out his reports. These 3 men constituted an "unofficial committee," with Glynn as "sort of a chairman," so that each of them might check with the others on matters of mutual interest. Heath and Glynn kept Pratt informed about matters of which Pratt might otherwise have had no knowledge. Pratt attended at least 1 function at which Hanley was present and also had luncheons with Hanley, Heath and Glynn once or twice a year. On such occasions the bill was divided among the public relations men present and Pratt paid Household's pro rata share.

The second category of evidence concerns the meeting at Purcell's restaurant. In its brief, the Commonwealth chooses not to rely on this evidence in trying to link Pratt to the conspiracy in view of the fact that the defendants Pratt, Glynn, Barber, Farrell, Hanley, Woodcock, Liberty, Household and Beneficial all argue that they are entitled to a new trial on the ground that Heath's expense vouchers covering the period in which the luncheon took place were not disclosed to them by the Commonwealth until after the first trial had been completed. This issue is discussed *infra*, p. 106 of this opinion where we conclude that there was no error in the admission of this evidence and that the defendants are not entitled to a new trial on this ground. Therefore, we recite that part of the evidence concerning this meeting as it relates to Pratt's participation in the conspiracy.

Heath met Glynn and Pratt at Haley's restaurant in Boston and the 3 of them then went to Purcell's restaurant for lunch. This occurred approximately 1 week before the meeting in New York. Glynn began to discuss the forthcoming meeting in New York and said: "We are going up to this New York meeting. They will expect us to make recommendations. We should present a united front, if possible, so let's see if we are in agreement. We do not know

whether the industry will decide upon a program or not. If they do decide upon a program, we should have a united front." Heath and Pratt each agreed that they should present a united front on the presentation of a "program." But when Glynn suggested a program costing between $50,000 and $75,000, Pratt said: "You will never sell that size program to the industry." After further discussion concerning the recommendations that they would make in New York, Pratt said: "We are in agreement." The discussion then turned to the fact that Hanley was the "key figure in this program." Pratt agreed with this analysis of the situation and said: "We will have to have at least three votes of the Board."

The third category of evidence shows that on October 17, 1962, Pratt attended the meeting at the Hotel Commodore in New York City. All of those present were active in the small loans industry, including Barber, Pratt's superior, Farrell of Beneficial, and others. At least 1 of the purposes of the meeting as announced by Farrell, the meeting's chairman, was to review the preparations for the forthcoming Rate Board hearing and to determine whether to adopt a Rate Board "program." Farrell said in substance: "We now have another decision to make, gentlemen, and that is whether we should consider conducting a program to insure a favorable decision by the Rate Board, or should we go on the merits?

In response to Farrell's statement, Glynn said: " 'Hanley is putting pressure on us. When we return from this meeting, we must have an answer on this subject . . . . There seems to be no formal preparation for a rate hearing, and . . . those of us on the local scene would come to the conclusion that a program should be adopted." Heath agreed with Glynn that a program should be adopted. There is no evidence that Pratt, the third member of the "unofficial committee" on the "local scene" said or did anything dur-

ing this discussion. However, he did not disavow any aspect of the obvious conspiratorial plan. Other details of this meeting we have previously recounted and we do not repeat them. In substance, the evidence shows that a plan was agreed upon to pay Hanley $25,000 and that Barber, Pratt's superior, agreed to come into "Massachusetts on a one-shot deal" as a stranger and "handle this program."

The fourth and last category of evidence involves a statement made by Pratt during the first week in November, shortly before the commencement of the Rate Board hearing. Pratt met with Heath and Glynn and each of them inquired about Barber. Heath said: "Is he coming in or isn't he?" Pratt replied, "Mr. Barber will be in. He is tied up at the moment on other matters."

Pratt argues, in essence, that this evidence was insufficient to link him to the alleged conspiracy because "he neither said nor did anything at all which in any way advanced the object of the conspiracy or could be construed as a promise to do so." On the other hand, the Commonwealth argues that there is evidence of affirmative action by Pratt in furtherance of the conspiracy and that even had there been no evidence of an affirmative act on the part of Pratt, his "knowing acquiescence" in and agreement to the plans of the other conspirators was sufficient. On this later point, the Commonwealth relies on the case of *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 113.

The principles which are determinative of the offence of conspiracy are well settled. In the oft cited case of *Commonwealth* v. *Hunt*, 4 Metc. 111, 123, Chief Justice Shaw, in a classic passage, stated the definition of conspiracy to be a "combination of two or more persons, by some concerted action, to accomplish some criminal or unlawful purpose, or to accomplish some purpose, not in itself criminal or unlawful, by criminal or unlawful means." The requirement of "concerted action" does not mean that either 1

or all of the conspirators must commit some overt act in furtherance of the unlawful agreement. "[T]he offence is complete, when the confederacy is made, and any act done in pursuance of it is no constituent part of the offence, but merely an aggravation of it." *Commonwealth* v. *Judd*, 2 Mass. 329, 337. However, "it may be assumed that mere knowledge of an unlawful conspiracy is not sufficient to make one a member of it, but that he must actively participate therein and must do something in furtherance of it before he is liable as a member." *Commonwealth* v. *Beal*, 314 Mass. 210, 222. Accord, *United States* v. *Falcone*, 311 U.S. 205, see p. 69. *Thomas* v. *United States*, 57 F. 2d 1039 (10th Cir.).

Although the need for concerted action or active participation requires actual commitment to the conspiratorial plan, contrary to the contention of the defendant it is not necessary that 1 play an active role in the actual execution of the object of the conspiracy. The language in the *Beal* case, *supra*, that one "must do something in furtherance of it" we construe to mean simply that one must be shown to have at least communicated to other conspirators his willingness to join in the conspiracy. The very fact that one gives his affirmative acquiescence to the object of a conspiracy may in many cases be doing "something in furtherance of it." A particular defendant's participation in a conspiracy may be proved where his approval of the plan stimulates the activities of others to carry out the conspiracy, even though his participation does not involve an overt act, such as the handing of bribe money to a public official. In this context, the line that separates mere knowledge of the fact that a conspiracy exists from participation in the conspiracy is often vague and uncertain. It is within the province of the jury to determine from the evidence whether a particular defendant had crossed that line. *Egan* v. *United States*, 137 F.2d 369, 378 (8th Cir.).

In the present case, there is ample evidence that Pratt agreed to participate in a plot, euphemistically characterized as a "program," to bribe Hanley. As 1 of the 3 members of the "unofficial committee" Pratt agreed at the meeting at Purcell's that this "committee" should present a "united front" concerning their recommendations on the adoption of a "program." He agreed that a "program" should be adopted, only disputing the amount to be contributed. The fact that he remained silent at the New York meeting where the "program" was formulated and the conspiracy completed is inconsequential. It is not unreasonable to assume that Glynn as "chairman" of the "unofficial committee" could be expected to present their views as he did and that Barber, as Pratt's superior, would speak on behalf of Household. The previous agreement among Glynn, Pratt and Heath at Purcell's, Pratt's presence and silent acquiescence at the Commodore meeting, and his statement that "Mr. Barber will be in," constitute sufficient evidence of affirmative conduct to link him to the conspiracy.

Even should we assume, as Pratt argues, that there is no direct evidence of his agreement to join in the conspiracy he would not be absolved of his participation therein. "A conspiracy may be proved by circumstantial evidence, and this is the usual mode of proving it, since it is not often that direct evidence can be had. The acts of different persons who are shown to have known each other, or to have been in communication with each other, directed towards the accomplishment of the same object, especially if by the same means or in the same manner, may be satisfactory proof of a conspiracy." *Attorney Gen.* v. *Tufts*, 239 Mass. 458, 494.

Having concluded that there is evidence of affirmative conduct by Pratt, we do not consider here whether "knowing acquiescence" in the circumstances of this case is suffi-

cient to link Pratt to the conspiracy. This issue and the *Favulli* case, *supra,* with respect to it were discussed at length in the briefs. We hold that the judge's instructions to the jury on this point were correct (*infra*, 99) and discern no reason for further comment relative thereto.

The evidence originally admitted against Pratt was sufficient, as matter of law, to warrant the admission in evidence against Pratt of the acts, knowledge and statements of the other conspirators. There was no error in the denial of Pratt's motion for a directed verdict. *Commonwealth* v. *Stasiun*, 349 Mass. 38, 51.

2. *Woodcock* — Woodcock, an executive vice-president and director of Liberty, is the only other individual contesting the sufficiency of the evidence to charge him with the conspiracy. The essence of his argument is that the Commodore Hotel meeting amounted to only an "inchoate agreement" with each of the participants having to go back and report to his respective corporation and that none of the individuals present had the authority to bind their corporations. On this basis Woodcock argues that the only evidence allegedly incriminating him is 1 statement that he made at the Commodore Hotel meeting, which tends to prove, if anything, that the agreement was never consummated.

In the following part of this opinion we discuss whether Woodcock and the other participants in the Commodore Hotel meeting had the authority to speak on behalf of their corporations. Here, we confine our discussion to whether the evidence was sufficient to permit a finding that Woodcock conspired as an individual to bribe a public official.

The evidence concerning Woodcock shows that he was present at the Commodore Hotel when Farrell brought up the subject of a "program to insure a favorable decision by the Rate Board." After Glynn reorted that the program would cost between "fifty and seventy-five thousand dol-

lars," Woodcock said that "this program was completely ridiculous, out of order, out of control, and that his company would have nothing to do with a program of that size." Further discussion ensued and Heath said that "this program could be handled for . . . $25,000." With the amount hanging in the balance, Woodcock then said: "At the $25,000 figure perhaps we have no choice, but I want it clearly understood that the figure is $25,000 and not one penny more, and no one is to come back at a later date and request that the figure be raised, under any conditions." Farrell then responded: "Apparently we can agree on the $25,000."

The above evidence clearly supports a finding that Woodcock knowingly and intentionally agreed with Farrell, Glynn, Barber and Pratt to bribe Hanley. In the context of the discussion, Woodcock's statements that "we have no choice" and "I want it clearly understood that the figure is $25,000 and not one penny more" is more than sufficient "to support a fair inference of the existence of a conspiracy." *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133. The judge properly admitted evidence of the acts, knowledge and statements of other conspirators against Woodcock. The judge was correct in denying Woodcock's motion for a directed verdict. *Commonwealth* v. *Riches*, 219 Mass. 433, 438.

C. *THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE.*

The Corporate Defendants.

Having concluded that the evidence was sufficient to establish that the defendants Pratt and Woodcock were part of a conspiracy joined in by Farrell, Glynn and Barber to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle, we turn to the question of whether there was sufficient evidence to support a finding that Beneficial, Household, and Liberty were parties to the conspiracy. Each of the corporate defendants raised this issue by means of a motion for a directed verdict. In view

of the fact that this issue is discussed extensively in the briefs of the respective corporate defendants as well as in the Commonwealth's brief,[54] and because the legal principles involved permeate these cases, in this part of the opinion we discuss at length the applicable legal standards concerning the extent to which a corporation may be held criminally responsible for the acts of its directors, officers and agents. We then summarize the evidence admitted against the respective corporations and apply the appropriate legal standard to the evidence. We also note here that in their pretrial briefs 3 of the corporate defendants raised the question whether the Superior Court had jurisdiction over them. Since we disposed of the defendant's jurisdictional contentions in the pre-trial portion of this opinion on the ground that these contentions essentially involve the sufficiency of the evidence to charge the foreign corporate defendants with the acts of the respective individual defendants, we herewith treat the jurisdictional question on that basis.

With this in mind, perhaps it would be helpful at this point to briefly summarize the relationships between the various corporate defendants and individual defendants: (1) Household was held criminally responsible, in part, for the criminal conduct of Barber and Pratt. Barber and Pratt were employees of Household, but were neither directors nor officers. (2) Liberty was held liable, in part, for the criminal acts of Woodcock, who was 1 of Liberty's 2 executive vice-presidents and 1 of its 11 directors. (3) Beneficial was held criminally responsible, in part, for the conduct of Farrell and Glynn who were neither directors, officers nor employees of that corporation. Farrell was a

[54] The first trial briefs for Beneficial alone devote 45 pages to the issue of corporate responsibility. First trial briefs submitted on behalf of Household cover 68 pages, the Liberty brief covers 34 pages. The Commonwealth's first trial briefs take up 63 pages. Second trial briefs on this issue utilize approximately the same amount of space.

vice-president and Glynn was an employee of Beneficial Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of the defendant, Beneficial. Other evidence pertaining to the criminal responsibility of the corporate defendants will be summarized as we treat with each of them.

1. *Standards of Criminal Responsibility* — The defendants and the Commonwealth have proposed differing standards upon which the criminal responsibility of a corporation should be predicated. The defendants argue that a corporation should not be held criminally liable for the conduct of its servants or agents unless such conduct was performed, authorized, ratified, adopted or tolerated by the corporations' directors, officers or other "high managerial agents" who are sufficiently high in the corporate hierarchy to warrant the assumption that their acts in some substantial sense reflect corporate policy. This standard is that adopted by the American Law Institute Model Penal Code, approved in May, 1962. Section 2.07 of the Code provides that, except in the case of regulatory offences and offences consisting of the omission of a duty imposed on corporations by law, a corporation may be convicted of a crime if "the commission of the offence was authorized, requested, commanded, performed or recklessly tolerated by the board of directors or by a high managerial agent acting in behalf of the corporation within the scope of his office or employment." The section proceeds to define "high managerial agent" as "an officer of a corporation . . . or any other agent . . . having duties of such responsibility that his conduct may fairly be assumed to represent the policy of the corporation." [55]

[55] Section 2.07 of the Model Penal Code was materially amended between 1955 (Tentative Draft No. 4, p. 22; see pp. 146-155, for the comments on the unamended section) and its adoption in 1962 (Proposed Final Draft, pp. 35, 38) by adding the italicized words "or recklessly tolerated." These words seem to expand corporate criminal liability to include at least cases where high managerial

The Commonwealth, on the other hand, argues that the standard applied by the judge in his instructions to the jury was correct. These instructions, which prescribe a somewhat more flexible standard than that delineated in the Model Penal Code, state in part, as follows: "[T]he Commonwealth must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that there existed between the guilty individual or individuals and the corporation which is being charged with the conduct of the individuals, such *a relationship that the acts and the intent of the individuals were the acts and intent of the corporation.* Or, to put it differently, the Commonwealth must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that when the individuals were acting criminally in committing the acts which constitute the crime, and in having the intent required for the crime, *the corporation was actually so acting and intending,* and therefore is criminally liable. The Commonwealth must prove that.

"How is that to be shown? How is the jury to determine whether the Commonwealth has proved that? First let me say that the Commonwealth does not have to prove that the individual who acted criminally was expressly requested or authorized in advance by the corporation to do so, nor must the Commonwealth prove that the corporation expressly ratified or adopted that criminal conduct on the part of that individual or those individuals. *It does not mean that the Commonwealth must prove that the individual who acted criminally was a member of the corporation's board of directors, or that he was a high officer in the corporation, or that he held any office at all.* If the Common-

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officers shut their eyes to (or try to remain aloof from and apparently unaware of) criminal activity by subordinates undertaken for the corporation's benefit. Cf. Restatement 2d: Agency, § 217D, comment d (1957): "Apart from statute, an employer is not subject to a penalty for an unauthorized act constituting a crime committed by an ordinary servant in the scope of employment if the basis for liability is a specific criminal intent. However, . . . an employer may be penalized for the act of an advisory or managerial person acting in the scope of employment."

wealth did prove that an individual for whose act it seeks to hold a corporation criminally liable was an officer of the corporation, the jury should consider that. *But more important than that, it should consider what the authority of that person was as such officer in relation to the corporation.* The mere fact that he has a title is not enough to make the corporation liable for his criminal conduct. The Commonwealth must prove that the individual for whose conduct it seeks to charge *the corporation criminally was placed in a position by the corporation where he had enough power, duty, responsibility and authority to act for and in behalf of the corporation to handle the particular business or operation or project of the corporation in which he was engaged at the time that he committed the criminal act, with power of decision as to what he would or would not do while acting for the corporation, and that he was acting for and in behalf of the corporation in the accomplishment of that particular business or operation or project, and that he committed a criminal act while so acting.*

"The Commonwealth must prove all that beyond a reasonable doubt before you can hold a corporation criminally liable or guilty by reason of the criminal acts or conduct of an individual.

"You will note from what I said that it is not necessary that the Commonwealth prove that an individual had any particular office or any office at all or that he had any particular title or any title at all. It isn't the title that counts. *It isn't the name of the office that counts, but it's the position in which the corporation placed that person with relation to its business, with regard to the powers and duties and responsibilities and authority which it gave to him which counts.* If it placed him in a position with such power, duty, authority, and responsibility that it can be found by you that, when he acted in the corporation's business, the corporation was acting, then you may find the corporation

equally guilty of the criminal acts which he commits and of the intent which he holds, if you first find that the individual was guilty of the crime.

"Now, this test doesn't depend upon the power, duty, the responsibility, or the authority which the individual has with reference to the entire corporation business. The test should be applied to his position with relation to the particular operation or project in which he is serving the corporation" (emphasis supplied).

The difference between the judge's instructions to the jury and the Model Penal Code lies largely in the latter's reference to a "high managerial agent" and in the Code requirement that to impose corporate criminal liability, it at least must appear that its directors or high managerial agent "authorized . . . or recklessly tolerated" the allegedly criminal acts. The judge's instructions focus on the authority of the corporate agent in relation to the *particular* corporate business in which the agent was engaged. The Code seems to require that there be authorization or reckless inaction by a corporate representative having some relation to framing corporate policy, or one "having duties of such responsibility that his conduct may fairly be assumed to represent the policy of the corporation." Close examination of the judge's instructions reveals that they preserve the underlying "corporate policy rationale of the Code by allowing the jury to infer "corporate policy" from the *position* in which the corporation placed the agent in commissioning him to handle the particular corporate affairs in which he was engaged at the time of the criminal act. We need not deal with the Model Penal Code in greater detail. Although we give it careful consideration (see e.g. *Commonwealth* v. *McHoul*, 352 Mass. 544, 547-555) as a scholarly proposal, it has not been enacted in Massachusetts and does not purport to be a restatement of existing law. It is not clear (see fn. 55, *supra*) that if the Code had been in

effect in Massachusetts, when the acts alleged and proved were committed, the corporate defendants would have been in a better situation, in view of the proof here of concerted criminal conduct (in a "program" designed to be of benefit to finance companies) by plainly significant representatives of three or more competing financing companies and the sums involved. We do not consider whether the circumstances would permit inferences of facts constituting a violation of the Code. The judge correctly charged the jury on the basis of decided cases, rather than on the basis of a proposed model code.

It may also be observed that the judge's standard is somewhat similar to the traditional common law rule of respondeat superior. However, in applying this rule to a criminal case, the judge added certain requirements not generally associated with that common law doctrine. He further qualified the rule of respondeat superior by requiring that the conduct for which the corporation is being held accountable be performed *on behalf of the corporation*. This factor is noted as important in the commentary to § 2.07 (1) of the Model Penal Code. It may well be that there is often little distinction between an act done *on behalf of a principal* and an act done *within the scope of employment*, which is the traditional requirement of the doctrine of respondeat superior. Nevertheless, in the circumstances of this case it might reasonably be concluded that the explicit instruction of the judge that the jury look to the authority vested in the agent by the corporation to act within the particular sphere of corporate affairs relating to the criminal act, together with the explicit instruction that such act be performed on behalf of the corporation, required, in effect, the type of evidence which would support an inference that the criminal act was done as a matter of corporate policy. We deem this to be a valid conclusion, especially in view of the quantum of proof required in a criminal case in order to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The defendants seek to make the question of corporate criminal responsibility one first impression in this Commonwealth. They argue that there is "no Massachusetts case" dispositive of the question as to when a corporation may be held criminally liable for the acts of its servants or agents *where the offense is one which involves specific intent.* Conversely, the Commonwealth contends that the standard applied by the judge was expressed long ago in the case of *Telegram Newspaper Co.* v. *Commonwealth,* 172 Mass. 294, 299. This case, it is argued, serves as precedent for the rule that corporate criminal responsibility can be predicated on the acts of an agent who is neither a director nor an officer of the corporation.

In seeking to resolve the adverse contentions posed above, and in order to formulate a correct standard in the perspective of precedence, we think it would be helpful at this point to review the decisions in this Commonwealth al well as cases in other jurisdictions which in some way deal with this issue. No Massachusetts case has been brought to our attention involving the prosecution of a corporation for bribery or for criminal conspiracy, although there have been cases holding corporations civilly liable for conspiracy. E.g. *Aberthaw Constr. Co.* v. *Cameron,* 194 Mass. 208, 213; *Lovejoy* v. *Bailey,* 214 Mass. 134, 153; *Potter Press* v. *C. W. Potter, Inc.* 303 Mass. 485, 493. In fact, there appear to be only 4 reported instances in this Commonwealth where a corporation has been sought to be held liable for a classic common law crime.

The first is the *Telegram* case, *supra,* which involved the conviction of 2 newspaper publishing corporations for criminal contempt. The corporations published articles relating to a pending trial in the Superior Court. The treasurer and manager of 1 newspaper and the editor and publisher of the other were discharged in the trial court "on the ground that they were not shown to be di-

rectly responsible for the publications." *Telegram Newspaper Co.* v. *Commonwealth,* 172 Mass. 294, 299. The Superior Court made no finding whether "there was an intent to influence the trial of the cause referred to on the part of anybody," and this court assumed "that the person or persons who wrote and caused the articles to be published . . . acted without any intent to pervert the course of justice." *Id.* Having made this assumption the court framed the basic issue in the case as follows: "As the only intent which can be imputed to the corporations is the intent of its officers or agents, the question is whether the publication of these articles without any intent to pervert the course of justice can be adjudged a contempt." *Id.* Despite the fact that there was no evidence that any officer or director of the defendant corporations either authorized or ratified the publications, which were written by a subordinate employee (a reporter), the court affirmed the convictions.

In the present case, the judge treated the *Telegram* case as "persuasive authority for the rule that there can be corporate criminal responsibility for the actions of an agent who is neither a Director nor an officer of the corporation." Household, however, argues that the *Telegram* case was a case of strict liability involving a crime which did not require specific intent and that there is a sharp distinction between the violation of regulatory or "public welfare" statutes and common law crimes which are mala in se as charged here. It is argued that this dichotomy exists throughout the criminal law relating to corporate criminal responsibility and that this Commonwealth only has cases dealing with the so called public welfare offenses.

We note that although there is language in the *Telegram* case which is somewhat ambiguous, and tends to obscure whether specific intent was a requisite element

in that case, Professor Ballantine has stated, in his discussion of the criminal liability of corporations, that the *Telegram* case "involves a specific intent as a necessary element." Ballantine, Private Corporations, 311 (1927). In any event, we think it is clear that the crime of criminal contempt cannot be equated to minor regulatory offenses such as a parking violation and that the judge properly applied it as precedent for the rule that a corporation can be held criminally responsible for the acts of one who is neither a director nor officer. The Model Penal Code, § 1.04 (Proposed Official Draft), defines "violations" as offenses which do not carry the penalty of imprisonment, and includes only petty offenses and the Supreme Court of the United States has recognized that criminal contempt is not a petty offence. *Bloom* v. *Illinois*, 391 U. S. 194, 207. In addition, it is a crime generally included in that class of offenses which are mala in se. See Anderson, Wharton's Criminal Law & Procedure, § 53 at pp. 121-122.

The most recent case in this Commonwealth dealing with the prosecution of a corporation for a common law crime also involved criminal contempt. In *Worcester Tel. & Gazette, Inc.* v. *Commonwealth*, 354 Mass. 578, 581, we held that conviction of a newspaper corporation and of a reporter for criminal contempt violated their First Amendment rights of freedom of the press and speech where the publication was not made with wilful design to affect a trial and did not present a clair and present danger to the administration of justice. In view of the fact that this *Telegram* case was decided on Federal constitutional grounds it did not involve the question of corporate criminal respons'bility and therefore sheds no light on the question.

The third case is *Commonwealth* v. *Lewis Constr. Co. Inc.* 343 Mass. 600, in which a corporation and its president, treasurer and sole stockholder were convicted of larceny. Without alluding to the question of corporate

criminal responsibility, we there held that the evidence was insufficient to warrant the convictions.

The fourth case we have found involving the prosecution of a corporation for a crime involving specific intent is *Commonwealth* v. *Abbott Engr. Inc.* 351 Mass. 568, in which a corporation was convicted of larceny, along with the chairman of the board of directors. The chairman had full control of the corporation and all of its transactions, and his wife owned all of the corporation's stock. The convictions were affirmed, but the question of the corporation's liability was not argued on appeal nor mentioned in the opinion. The focal point of the decision was the responsibility of an *individual for the acts of a corporation* which the court found to be the *individual's agent*. The court stated that "[w]here a principal is in full control and participates in an agent's act by close direction and assent, principal criminal responsibility attaches to him." *Commonwealth* v. *Abbott Engr. Inc.*, *supra*, at 580.

The *Abbott* case is akin to a long line of decisions in this Commonwealth holding that before criminal responsibility can be imposed on the master, based on a master-servant relationship under the doctrine of respondeat superior, actual participation in, or approval of, the servant's criminal act must be shown. The first case we discovered considering this question was *Commonwealth* v. *Nichols*, 10 Metc. 259, in which a store owner was convicted of selling liquor without a license when his servant actually made the sale. The court ruled as follows: "The question here raised as to the liability of the principal to be punished criminally for the acts of his agent or servant, in which he does not directly participate personally, is certainly not free from difficulty. As to civil liabilities, a broader and more general principle of responsibility applies, and the master or principal may be held to answer

in damages for default and misdoings with which he had no other connexion than that which arises from the fact that the injury was occasioned by one employed in his service. As a general rule, something beyond this is necessary to charge the master criminally for acts done by the servant. There must be such a direct participation in the act, or such assent and concurrence therein, as would involve him morally in the guilt of the action. Hence the cases are comparatively rare, and may be considered as exceptions to the general rule, where by legal rules a party is charged criminally for acts of his servant done without his knowledge and assent. . . . But if a sale of liquor is made by the servant without the knowledge of the master, and really in opposition to his will, and in no way participated in, approved or countenanced by him, and this is clearly shown by the master, he ought to be acquitted." Pp. 260-263.

Other cases involving the illegal sale of liquor by a servant are *Commonwealth* v. *Putnam*, 4 Gray, 16-17-18, *Commonwealth* v. *Uhrig*, 138 Mass. 492, *Commonwealth* v. *Wachendorf*, 141 Mass. 270, *Commonwealth* v. *Briant*, 142 Mass. 463, *Commonwealth* v. *Stevenson*, 142 Mass. 466, *Commonwealth* v. *Hayes*, 145 Mass. 289, and *Commonwealth* v. *Rooks*, 150 Mass. 59. In each of these cases the court reiterated the rule that the mere fact of agency is not enough to impose criminal liability on the master. In *Commonwealth* v. *Stevens*, 153 Mass. 421, 429, another illegal liquor case, the court phrased the rule as requiring that the master "in some way participate in, countenances, or approves the criminal act of his servant."

Each of the above cases involved crimes which are mala prohibita as opposed to crimes which are mala in se. However, it appears that in cases which are generally classified as mala in se, the above rule was not changed. For example, in *Commonwealth* v. *Anthony*, 306 Mass. 470, a

case in which 1 partner was sought to be held liable for the larcenous acts of another partner, the above rule was cited at p. 478 of the opinion. See *Commonwealth* v. *Welansky*, 316 Mass. 383, 402, and *Commonwealth* v. *Abbott Engr. Inc.*, *supra*, 580.

The thrust of each of the cases cited above involving a human principal is that it is fundamental to our criminal jurisprudence that for more serious offences guilt is personal and not vicarious. "One is punished for his own blameworthy conduct, not that of others." *Commonwealth* v. *Stasium*, 349 Mass. 38, 48, citing Perkins, Criminal Law, 550, and Sayre, Criminal Responsibility for the Acts of Another, 43 Harv. L. Rev. 689. Professor Sayre's article is heavily relied on by Beneficial for the proposition that the considerations proposed by Sayre apply with equal weight to corporations. However, we do not think that the Sayre article, or the rule in the master-servant cases, is helpful to these corporations. The essence of Sayre's discussion is that, as to certain crimes, a theory of vicarious liability is an inadequate basis for imposing criminal liability on a natural person who can suffer imprisonment or ignominy for the acts of his agents. *Id.* at 722-723. (We, too, have recently rejected the concept of individual guilt by mere association. *Commonwealth* v. *Pina*, Mass. , .[a1]) In fact, Professor Sayre explicitly refrains from dealing with the problem of imposing corporate criminal liability when he states: "The problem of the criminal liability of a corporation for the acts of corporate agents depends upon a consideration of two quite distinct problems, one a problem of agency, and the other a problem of the law of corporations. The first involves the general question of criminal responsibility for the acts of another. Would the principal be criminally liable for the acts of the agent if the principal were a natural person instead of a

[a1] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1971) 1293, 1296.

corporation? The second problem involves the entirely distinct question of when the acts and intent of a natural person, for example of a vice-president or general manager, are to be treated as those of the corporation itself. In . . . [this article], only the first of these two problems is considered." Sayre, Criminal Responsibility for the Acts of Another, 43 Harv. L. Rev. at 689.

As alluded to by Professor Sayre, and pointed out by the Commonwealth in its brief, the very nature of a corporation as a "person" before the law renders it impossible to equate the imposition of vicarious liability on a human principal with the imposition of vicarious liability on a corporate principal. "A corporation can act only through its agents. . . . [C]orporate criminal liability is necessarily vicarious." Note, Criminal Liability of Corporations for Acts of Their Agents, 60 Harv. L. Rev. 283. See Francis, Criminal Responsibility of the Corporation, 18 Ill. L. Rev. 305, 308; Lee, Corporate Criminal Liability, 28 Col. L. Rev. 1, 13. Since a corporation is a legal fiction, comprised only of individuals, it has no existence separate and distinct from those whom it has clothed with authority and commissioned to act for it whether such individuals are directors, officers, shareholders or employees. Thus, the issue is not whether vicarious liability should be imposed on a corporation under the "direct participation and assent rule" of the master-servant cases cited above, but rather, whether the acts and intent of natural persons, be they officers, directors or employees, can be treated as the acts and intent of the corporation itself. For the foregoing reasons, despite the strenuous urging of the defendants, we are unconvinced that the standard for imposing criminal responsibility on a human principal adequately deals with the evidentiary problems which are inherent in ascribing the acts of individuals to a corporate entity.

Since we have exhausted our review of Massachusetts cases in point, we turn to cases in other jurisdictions discussing the problem of corporate criminal responsibility. We note, however, that in view of the fact that the crimes alleged here, namely, conspiracy and the substantive offences of bribery, are mala in se, we necessarily exclude discussion of those cases which *clearly* involve "public welfare" offences by a corporation, unless such cases cast some insight into the question before us. Generally, these cases concern public nuisances resulting from the nonperformance of a nondelegable duty, rather than the rule of respondeat superior. Cardozo, J., *People ex rel. Price* v. *Sheffield-Farms-Slawson-Decker Co.* 225 N. Y. 25, 27-30.[56]

We first treat with the case of *New York Cent. & H. R. R.R.* v. *United States*, 212 U. S. 481, a case relied upon by both the judge and the Commonwealth. There, the Supreme

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[56] In Massachusetts, the following cases may be classified among the type of offences referred to above. *Commonwealth* v. *Proprietors of Newburyport Bridge*, 9 Pick. 142 (indictment alleging proprietors neglected to provide repairs for bridge as required by statute); *Springfield* v. *Connecticut River R.R.*, 4 Cush. 63 (nuisance for locating track on portion of heavily traveled public way); *Commonwealth* v. *Nashua & Lowell R.R.*, 2 Gray, 54 (obstructing highway); *Commonwealth* v. *Hancock Free Bridge Corp.*, 2 Gray, 58 (nuisance for not keeping in repair road which was part of corporation franchise); *Commonwealth* v. *Proprietors of New Bedford Bridge*, 2 Gray, 339 (obstructing waterway by bridge without suitable draws); *Commonwealth* v. *Vermont & Mass. R.R.*, 4 Gray, 22 (nuisance relating to the construction of a grade crossing); *Commonwealth* v. *Old Colony & Fall River R.R.*, 14 Gray, 93 (gravel embankment within the limits of a highway). These cases were nothing more than a logical extension of earlier cases of the same sort relating to what were, in effect, private nuisances, see e.g., *Riddle* v. *Proprietors of the Locks & Canals on Merrimack River*, 7 Mass. 169 (trespass on the case for damage to a raft occasioned by the neglect of the proprietors to maintain canal deep and wide enough to allow raft to pass). Later cases are *Commonwealth* v. *Ober*, 286 Mass. 25, and *Commonwealth* v. *Mini-Cost Car Rental, Inc.*, 354 Mass. 746, where owners of automobiles were held liable for violations of parking regulations, even though the violations apparently occurred without their knowledge.

Court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of a statute which specifically made corporations liable for the acts of their officers, agents or employees acting within the scope of their employment. The statute in question prohibited shippers from receiving rebates from common carriers and specifically provided as follows: "In construing and enforcing the provisions of this section the act, omission, or failure of any officer, agent, or other person acting for or employed by any common carrier acting within the scope of his employment shall in every case be also deemed to be the act, omission, or failure of such carrier as well as that of the person." 32 Stat. 847-848, § 1. Citing the *Telegram* case, 172 Mass. 294, *supra*, among others, the court made a number of pertinent observations and rulings from which we quote at some length: "A corporation is held responsible for acts not within the agent's corporate powers strictly construed, but which the agent has assumed to perform for the corporation when employing the corporate powers actually authorized, and in such cases there need be no written authority under seal or vote of the corporation in order to constitute the agency or to authorize the act. . . . We see no valid objection in law, and every reason in public policy, why the corporation which profits by the transaction, and can only act through its agents and officers, shall be held punishable by fine because of the knowledge and intent of its agents to whom it has intrusted authority to act in the subject-matter of making and fixing rates of transportation, and whose knowledge and purposes may well be attributed to the corporation for which the agents act. While the law should have regard to the rights of all, and to those of corporations no less than to those of individuals, it cannot shut its eyes to the fact that the great majority of business transactions in modern times are conducted through these bodies, and particularly that inter-

state commerce is almost entirely in their hands, and to give them immunity from all punishment because of the old and exploded doctrine that a corporation cannot commit a crime would virtually take away the only means of effectually controlling the subject-matter and correcting the abuses aimed at." Pp. 493-496. The court concluded that "[a]pplying the principle governing civil liability, we go only a step farther in holding that the act of the agent, while exercising the authority delegated to him to make rates for transportation, may be controlled, in the interest of public policy, by imputing his act to his employer and imposing penalties upon the corporation for which he is acting in the premises." *Supra*, p. 494.

Household argues that the *New York Central* case is one in which Congress clearly dispensed with the necessity of proving corporate intent and is therefore distinguishable from the case before us. While we agree that the thrust of the opinion in that case is addressed to the constitutionality of the statutory imputation of the agent's acts to the corporation, we think that the case falls outside the class of offenses generally denominated as "public welfare" offenses and is akin to the *Telegram* case in that it serves as precedent for the proposition that a corporation may be held criminally responsible for the acts of one who is neither a director, officer nor "high managerial agent" of the corporation. In this regard, the case illustrates the public policy rationale for imposing vicarious liability upon a corporation and thus warranting the treatment of corporation in a manner different from that of individuals for the acts of their agents. This rationale was subsequently developed and applied in lower Federal court cases which dealt with crimes requiring specific intent. These cases are discussed *infra* and each cited and applied the rule of the *New York Central* case.

In the often cited case of *Egan* v. *United States*, 137

F.2d 369, 379 (8th Cir.), a case similar in many aspects to the ones before us, a public utility holding corporation and its president were convicted of conspiracy to violate statutes prohibiting public utilities from making political contributions. The corporation attacked the sufficiency of the evidence to impute criminal responsibility to it on the ground that the acts of its officers in making the political contributions were not shown to be authorized by the corporation either by an express or an implied act of the board of directors. In its opinion, the court set forth the gist of the judge's charge to the jury and noted that this charge was "manifestly based upon the opinion of the Supreme Court in *New York Cent. & H. R. R. Co.* v. *United States*, 212 U. S. 481 ...." Upholding the instructions to the jury, the court said: "The test of corporate responsibility for the acts of its officers and agents, whether such acts be criminal or tortious, is whether the agent or officer in doing the thing complained of was engaged in 'employing the corporate powers actually authorized' for the benefit of the corporation 'while acting within the scope of his employment in the business of the principal.' If the act was so done it will be imputed to the corporation whether covered by the agent or officer's instructions, whether contrary to his instructions and whether lawful or unlawful.... The court is not concerned with whether political contributions were authorized by a resolution of the board of directors or acquiesced in by a majority of the board. Our inquiry concerns only the powers of the corporation, the business it was authorized to carry on in the exercise of those powers, and whether the officers of the company in making political contributions were engaged in carrying out that business within the scope of their official duties." *Egan* v. *United States*, *supra*, at 379.

Another Federal case applying the above standard is *C. I. T. Corp.* v. *United States*, 150 F. 2d 85 (9th Cir.). This case is significant in that a large national money lending

corporation was held criminally responsible for the criminal acts of a minor branch manager. The corporation was convicted of conspiracy to make false credit statement applications to the Federal Housing Administration, a crime which under the statute specifically required the element of knowledge. On appeal, the corporation argued that the branch manager was too low in the corporate hierarchy and that he had no corporate power to commit the acts complained of with the criminal intent imputable to the corporate entity. In refuting this argument the court said: "We do not agree. It is the function delegated to the corporate officer or agent which determines his power to engage the corporation in a criminal transaction." p. 89. The court then discussed the delegation of authority to the branch manager and after quoting at length from the *New York Central* case, observed that although that case required no showing of a criminal intent, "*the principle it states has been accepted in the circuits as controlling in corporate crimes in which intent is an essential factor*" (emphasis supplied). *Supra*, at 90. The court then cited various cases from different circuits and specifically ruled that "[w]e do not regard any of these cases distinguishable from the instant case because the corporate function criminally performed was vested in an agent of higher dignity than the salesman in the" case of *Zito* v. *United States*, 64 F. 2d 772, 775 (7th Cir.), or than the branch manager in the present case, *C. I. T. Corp.* v. *United States*, *supra*, 150 F.2d at 90. It should be noted that in the *Zito* case, *supra*, where a corporation was convicted of conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition Act, the acts of a salesman were imputed to the corporation solely on the basis that he was an agent of the corporation and had authority to sell its products.

The standard applied in the above cases clearly focused on the scope of authority of the agents to act in the narrow

sphere of corporate business relating to the criminal act. This essential consideration was succinctly set forth in somewhat different terms in the case of *United States* v. *Nearing*, 252 Fed. 223, 231, (S.D.N.Y.) wherein Judge Learned Hand stated that "the criminal liability of a corporation is to be determined by the *kinship of the act to the powers of the officials, who commit it*" (emphasis supplied). In the *Nearing* case, the corporation was indicted for conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act through the publication of a pamphlet calculated to cause insubordination in the armed forces. In a pre-trial opinion discussing the sufficiency of the indictment, Judge Hand made the following orbservations: "Finally, the defendants urge that a corporation cannot be guilty of the crime of conspiracy, or of any crime involving specific intent. This question simply turns upon how far the law has gone in imputing to a corporation the acts of its agents.... Now, there is no distinction in essence between the civil and the criminal liability of corporations, based upon the element of intent or wrongful purpose. Each is merely an imputation to the corporation of the mental condition of its agents."

We treat the *Egan*, *Nearing* and *C. I. T.* cases as strong precedent for the rule that a corporation is criminally liable for the acts of an agent who has been vested with the authority to act on behalf of the corporation in the sphere of corporate business in which he commits the criminal act. Numerous other Federal cases have been brought to our attention which also support this rule. Some of these are the following: *United States* v. *Van Riper*, 154 F. 2d 492, 493 (3d Cir.) (manager of gas station — violation of price control regulations established under War Powers Act); *United States* v. *George F. Fish, Inc.*, 154 F. 2d 798, 801 (2d Cir.), cert. den. 328 U.S. 869 (salesman — knowing violation of Emergency Price Control Act of 1942); *United States* v. *Armour & Co.* 168 F. 2d 342, 343-

344 (3d Cir.) (salesmen at 3 Pennsylvania branches, branch manager at Norristown, and assistant manager at Noble Street, Philadelphia — violation of regulations promulgated under the Emergency Price Control Act prohibiting tie-in sales); *United States* v. *Steiner Plastics Mfg. Co., Inc.* 231 F. 2d 149, 153 (2d Cir.) (production manager or either of 3 factory employees — conspiracy to falsify approval stamps on fighter plane cockpit canopies being manufactured for the Navy and actual falsification of them); *United States* v. *Milton Marks Corp.* 240 F. 2d 838, 839 (3d Cir.) (general foreman — knowingly presenting a false claim to the United States); *Continental Baking Co.* v. *United States*, 281 F. 2d 137, 148-151 (6th Cir.) (plant manager at Memphis, Tennessee, depot managers and supervisors — conspiracy to fix the prices of bakery products in the Memphis area — Sherman Act); *United States* v. *American Stevedores, Inc.* 310 F. 2d 47, 48 (2d Cir.), cert. den. 371 U. S. 969 (comptroller — tax evasion); *Steere Tank Lines, Inc.* v. *United States*, 330 F. 2d 719, 720-724 (5th Cir.) (truck drivers and dispatchers — knowing falsification of records by motor carrier); *United States* v. *American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.* 433 F. 2d 174, 204-205 (3d Cir.) (sales manager — conspiracy to fix prices of plumbing fixtures — where the court specifically approved a charge essentially identical to that in the present case).

Household, Beneficial and Liberty all vigorously attack these cases in an attempt to distinguish them from the cases before us. The thrust of their argument is that all of these cases fall into 1 or 2 categories; either they involve public welfare and regulatory statute crimes in which intent was not an element, or if the crimes did include intent as a necessary element, then they assert that the corporations were only held liable if one high in the corporate hierarchy directed, approved or acquiesced in the agent's criminal act. In support of this argument, Household cites

several law review articles in which their authors have attempted to categorize these cases in a similar manner.[57]

We think that the answer to these contentions is two-fold. First, the defendants' attempted categorization of the above cases into two neat little groups greatly over-simplifies the complex and multifaceted issues which confronted the various courts in the cases we have cited. The principal cases of *Egan*, *C. I. T.*, and *Nearing* all entail prosecutions for the crimes of conspiracy, a crime requiring specific intent. In addition, the object of the conspiracies in these cases involved a wide scope of serious criminal activity, usually in matters tending to be of benefit to the corporation, extending from violations of the Espionage Act in the *Nearing* case, through the making of illegal political contributions in the *Egan* case, various types of fraudulent acquisitive crimes in the cases of *C. I. T.*, *Steiner Plastics*, *Milton Marks*, and *American Stevedores*, and conspiracy to violate the Sherman Act through price fixing in the cases of *Continental Baking Co.* and *American Radiator*. Furthermore, as we previously noted, even if the statute in the *New York Central* case dispensed

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[57] The defendants appear to principally rely on the Note, Criminal Liability of Corporations for Acts of Their Agents, 60 Harv. L. Rev. 283, 289, and on the Note, Corporate Criminal Liability for Acts in Violation of Company Policy, 50 Georgetown L. J. 547, 549, to substantiate the categorizations made above. The question of corporate criminal responsibility has of course been discussed extensively by text writers and in law reviews. See Anderson, Wharton's Criminal Law & Procedure, § 52, p. 120; Fletcher, Cyc. Corporations (Rev. Ed.) § 4959; Lee, Corporate Criminal Liability, 28 Col. L. Rev. 1; Edgerton, Corporate Criminal Responsibility, 26 Yale L. J. 827; Mueller, Mens Rea and the Corporation, A Study of the Model Code Position on Corporate Criminal Liability, 19 U. of Pittsburgh L. Rev. 21. The Mueller article, which is also heavily relied on in support of the defendants' view of the Model Penal Code standard, does, however, make the following statement in referring to "high managerial agents." "Not the mode of acquisition of a corporate office but the scope of trust and power is the proper criterion." Mueller, *supra*, at 40. We think this test is easily equated to the "scope of authority" or "kinship of authority to the act" test employed by the judge.

with the necessity of proving corporate intent, the *Egan* case and other Federal cases specifically expanded the rule of that case to cases involving crimes requiring specific intent. Secondly, the argument that only high corporate officers were involved has no basis in fact. In the *C. I. T. case,* a minor branch manager was involved, and in the *Zito* case, a salesman. In addition, although the criminal acts in the *Egan* case were performed by an officer of the corporation, the court consistently stressed, as is shown from the language previously quoted, that the corporation could be held responsible for the acts of either officers or agents. Indeed, the court emphatically stated that the focal point of inquiry is not whether corporate authorization or participation was shown in the upper echelon of the corporate ranks, but whether the agent or officer in doing the criminal act "was engaged in 'employing the corporate powers actually authorized' for the benefit of the corporation 'while acting within the scope of his employment in the business of the principal.'" p. 379 of 137 F.2d.

Household argues that in applying the foregoing standard of corporate criminal responsibility, we are merely applying the rule of respondeat superior as it is applied in civil cases and that we are "reaching out to state a completely new rule of law." We agree that the above cases, as well as the judge's instructions to the jury, essentially employ the rationale underlying the doctrine of respondeat superior. However, we do not agree that application of this doctrine to a criminal case involving specific intent is a "completely new rule of law." The courts in the *New York Central* case and the other Federal cases cited above, especially in the *Egan* case, unequivocally focus their inquiry on the scope of authority which the corporation has conferred upon its agents to act on behalf of the corporation in managing the particular activities

in which the agents were engaged when they committed the criminal act. p. 379.

It may be that the theoretical principles underlying this standard are, in general, the same as embodied in the rule of respondeat superior. Nevertheless, as we observed at the outset, the judge's instructions, as a whole and in context, required a greater quantum of proof in the practical application of this standard than is required in a civil case. In focusing on the "kinship" between the authority of an individual and the act he committed, the judge emphasized that the jury must be satisfied "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the act of the individual "*constituted*" the act of the corporation. Juxtaposition of the traditional criminal law requirement of ascertaining guilt beyond a reasonable doubt (as opposed to the civil law standard of the preponderance of the evidence), with the rule of respondeat superior, fully justifies application of the standard enunciated by the judge to a criminal prosecution against a corporation for a crime requiring specific intent.

The foregoing is especially true in view of the particular circumstances of this case. In order to commit the crimes charged in these indictments, the defendant corporations either had to offer to pay money to a public official or conspire to do so. The disbursal of funds is an act peculiarly within the ambit of corporate activity. These corporations by the very nature of their business are constantly dealing with the expenditure and collection of moneys. It could hardly be expected that any of the individual defendants would conspire to pay, or would pay, the substantial amount of money here involved, namely $25,000, out of his own pocket. The jury would be warranted in finding that the disbursal of such an amount of money would come from the corporate treasury. A reasonable inference could therefore be drawn that the payment of such money by the

corporations was done as a matter of corporate policy and as far as a reflection of corporate intent, thus comporting with the underlying rationale of the Model Penal Code, and probably with its specific requirements.

Moreover, we do not think that the Model Penal Code standard really purports to deal with the evidentiary problems which are inherent in establishing the quantum of proof necessary to show that the directors or officers of a corporation authorize, ratify, tolerate, or participate in the criminal acts of an agent when such acts are apparently performed on behalf of the corporation. Evidence of such authorization or ratification is too easily susceptible of concealment. As is so trenchantly stated by the judge: "Criminal acts are not usually made the subject of votes of authorization or ratification by corporate Boards of Directors; and the lack of such votes does not prevent the act from being the act of the corporation."

It is obvious that criminal conspiratorial acts are not performed within the glare of publicity, nor would we expect a board of directors to meet officially and record on the corporate records a delegation of authority to initiate, conduct or conclude proceedings for the purpose of bribing a public official. Of necessity, the proof of authority to so act must rest on all the circumstances and conduct in a given situation and the reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom.

Additional factors of importance are the size and complexity of many large modern corporations which necessitate the delegation of more authority to lesser corporate agents and employees. As the judge pointed out: "There are not enough seats on the Board of Directors, nor enough offices in a corporation, to permit the corporation engaged in widespread operations to give such a title or office to every person in whom it places the power, authority, and responsibility for decision and action." This latter con-

sideration lends credence to the view that the title or position of an individual in a corporation should not be conclusively determinative in ascribing criminal responsibility. In a large corporation, with many numerous and distinct departments, a high ranking corporate officer or agent may have no authority or involvement in a particular sphere of corporate activity, whereas a lower ranking corporate executive might have much broader power in dealing with a matter peculiarly within the scope of his authority. Employees who are in the lower echelon of the corporate hierarchy often exercise more responsibility in the *everyday operations* of the corporation than the directors or officers. Assuredly, the title or office that the person holds may be considered, but it should not be the decisive criterion upon which to predicate corporate responsibility.

The validity and soundness of these considerations are especially reflected in the activities of public relations men in the employ of many large corporations. This is graphically illustrated in the *Egan* case, 137 F. 2d 369, *supra*. That case is particularly applicable to the ones before us because of its inquiry into the type of authority exercised by the officers and agents who made the political contributions for which their corporations were held responsible. The court characterized the activities of these agents as being "authorized public relations activities ... within the defendant corporation's powers." In reviewing the evidence relating to this type of authority, the court highlighted the following factors: "The evidence shows that the corporation in the exercise of this power regards its public relations and its good will as matters of great importance. It has a right to do so and it does send its officers to appear before legislative committees to influence those legislatures and to persuade them to pass laws advantageous to the company's interest and to reject pro-

posed laws inimical to its interest. In the exercise of its powers, it has a right to do so and it does send its officers to state capitals to influence the individual members of the legislatures to be friendly to its interests. It sends its officers to appear before state and municipal boards and officers having power to impose taxes upon its property for the purpose of presenting arguments and data in its interest. To cultivate and develop the friendship of its patrons, prospective patrons, legislators and taxing authorities the company gives entertainments for invited guests including legislators, members of tax boards, patrons and others whose friendship it deems important. It maintains a 'lodge' at the lake above its dam in the Ozark Mountains to which it invites for free entertainment state officers and candidates for office."

The similarity between the kinship of authority and the acts of the agents in the *Egan* case with the kinship between the acts and authority of the individuals in the present cases is striking. It approaches the incredible for us to conclude from the evidence in the instant case that the public relations men, in their constant and prolonged communications with Hanley, were engaging in independent endeavors. The inference is obvious that their concerted activities along the lines outlined in our summary of the facts could not have been carried on without the knowledge or at least the reckless toleration of highly placed corporate executives.

To permit corporations to conceal the nefarious acts of their underlings by using the shield of corporate armor to deflect corporate responsibility, and to separate the subordinate from the executive, would be to permit "endocratic" corporations to inflict widespread public harm without hope of redress. It would merely serve to ignore the scramble and realities of the market place.[58] This we

[58] The term "endocratic" was coined by Dean Rostow and means a "large, publicly-held corporation, whose stock is scattered in small

decline to do. We believe that stringent standards must be adopted to discourage any attempt by "endocratic" corporations' executives to place the sole responsibility for criminal acts on the shoulders of their subordinates.

We believe that our decision is supported by basic considerations of public policy. The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, Task Force Report — Crime and Its Impact — An Assessment (1967) provides a sound rationale for imputing criminal responsibility to the corporation for the acts of lower echelon corporate officials who have the authority to act on behalf of the corporation. The report states at p. 104 that "[w]hite collar crime also does serious damage to social and economic institutions.... Thus, crimes such as bribery and violation of conflict of interest statutes strike deeply at responsible, impartial government." The report further points out at p. 108 that: "A pervasive problem affecting enforcement is the fact that white collar crime is often business crime and business crime is often corporate crime. Where corporate defendants are involved, the only criminal sanction available is the fine. As noted previously, fines may be inadequate as deterrents for a variety of reasons. There are also serious practical problems in imposing sanctions upon corporate employees. It is very difficult to obtain the conviction of the true policy formulators in large, complex corporations. The top executives do not ordinarily carry out the overt criminal acts—it is the lower or middle management officials who, for example, attend price-fixing meetings." The President's Commission concluded, at p. 108, that: "where corporate misconduct is involved, the offenders—and particularly the offenders against whom evidence of guilt can be obtained—act as part of a corporate hierarchy and, or-

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fractions among thousands of stockholders." Note, Increasing Community Control Over Corporate Crime — A Problem in the Law of Sanctions, 71 Yale L. J. 280, 281, n. 3.

dinarily, follow a pattern of corporate behavior. Individual responsibility is therefore reduced—the offenders are often following orders from above, either explicit or implicit. Moreover, the fact that acts are performed to further the interests of the corporation, and not merely the offenders' personal interests, helps to rationalize misconduct. Thus in the *Electrical Equipment* cases, personal explanations for the acts were, for the most part, sought in the structure of corporate pressures. The defendants almost invariably testified that they came new to a job, found price-fixing an established way of life, and simply entered into it as they did into other aspects of their job."[59]

The above considerations seem to us to support the principles stated in the judge's charge for adjudicating the criminal responsibility of these corporate principles. We are aware that *some* jurisdictions and legal writers have

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[59] The public policy rationale underlying our decision is also illustrated in a recent article by Professor Alan M. Dershowitz. He discusses the effect of criminal sanctions on the treasuries of large "endocratic" corporations. He states that "[t]he criminal fine as presently administered against the endocratic corporation guilty of acquisitive crime is thus little more than 'a reasonable license fee' for engaging in such conduct and may be practically ignored as *de minimis* in an analysis of the profit diminishing effect of present sanctions." Note, Increasing Community Control Over Corporate Crime — A Problem in the Law of Sanctions. 71 Yale L. J. 280, 287. The article goes on to refer to "the presently insubstantial nature of the criminal fine" and "the difficulty of pinpointing guilt above the level of overt actors, the real formulators of endocratic corporate policy have little cause to fear corporate penalties. These phenomena help to explain why, in the area in which effective criminal sanctions *should* achieve the highest degree of overall deterrence, they are essentially ineffective, as evidenced by the startling rate of acquisitive crime recidivism among endocratic corporations." *Id.* at 293, citing Sutherland, White Collar Crime, 25. After analyzing criminal anti-trust cases in which the scope of authority test is well established, Dershowitz concludes that greater penalties are necessary in order to obtain adequate deterrence. We, of course, have no occasion to express an opinion concerning any administrative action which may follow as a consequence of convictions in these cases.

approved the Model Penal Code,[60] even as contained in the 1955 draft. Indeed, the 1955 comments on the Code (prior to the addition of the significant words "or recklessly tolerated") merely say that the limitations on corporate liability there set out are "generally consistent with the position of the English courts and those of *some* American States" (emphasis supplied). Model Penal Code, § 2.07, comment p. 151 (Tent. Draft No. 4, 1955).[61] This may mean that the majority of jurisdictions in this country do not adhere to the standard proposed in 1955.

One such State appears to be Wisconsin. For example, in the case of *Vulcan Last Co.* v. *State*, 194 Wis. 636, a corporation was convicted of violating a statute which prohibited employers from attempting to influence the votes of employees through threats of discharge or reduction of wages. The corporate employee involved was a superintendent. In refuting the argument that the corporation could not be held responsible for the conduct of the superintendent the court stated: "Corporations must of necessity act through their agents. When these agents act within the scope of their authority their acts are the acts of the corporation, for which the corporation is liable both civilly

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[60] Statutes recently enacted in New York, Georgia and Illinois have adopted similar standards. See New York Penal Law, c. 40 of Consolidated Laws, Title B, art. 20, § 20.20, Amendment, Laws of 1965, c. 1030. Illinois Crim. Code, c. 38, Title II, art. 5, § 5-4. Georgia Code Anno. Title 26, § 26-803 (1969). Legal writers indorsing the Model Penal Code standard or something analogous thereto are Mueller, Mens Rea and the Corporation, A Study of the Model Code Position on Corporate Criminal Liability," 19 U. of Pittsburgh L. Rev. 21, 41 (high managerial agents or "inner circle"), Winn, The Criminal Responsibility of Corporations, 3 Cambridge L. J. 398, 414 ("primary representatives"), and Welsh, The Criminal Liability of Corporations, 62 L. Q. Rev. 345, 362 ("governing body"). See fn. 57, *supra*.

[61] English cases in support of the underlying rationale of the Code include *Director of Pub. Prosecutions* v. *Kent & Sussex Contractors, Ltd.* [1944] 1 K. B. 146, 155-156, *Rex* v. *I. C. R. Haulage, Ltd.* [1944] 1 K. B. 551, and *John Henshall (Quarries) Ltd.* v. *Harvey*, [1965] 2 Q. B. 233, 241.

and criminally. *If the acts are within the scope of the authority* of the agent, the corporation is liable criminally for the *acts although the acts may not have been expressly authorized by the corporation*, even if the corporation has expressly forbidden its agent to act in the manner that made it answerable to punishment under the criminal law" (emphasis supplied). p. 643.

Other States have taken a similar view or have employed language consistent with that of the *Vulcan* case. These include the following: *State* v. *Lehigh Valley R.R.* 90 N. J. L. 372, 92 N. J. L. 261, affd. 94 N. J. L. 171, 175 (manslaughter); *State* v. *Western Union Tel. Co.* 13 N. J. Super, 172, 221, affd. 12 N. J. 468, app. dism. 346 U.S. 869 (bookmaking); *State* v. *Salisbury Ice & Fuel Co.* 166 N.C. 366, 367 (false pretences); *State* v. *Eastern Coal Co.* 29 R.I. 254, 265-269 (criminal conspiracy).

Cases relied upon by the defendants which apparently support what they conceive as the Model Penal Code principle are *Grant Bros. Constr. Co.* v. *United States*, 13 Ariz. 388, and *People* v. *Canadian Fur Trappers Corp.* 248 N.Y. 159. Particular emphasis is placed on the *Canadian Fur Trappers'* case for the proposition that a corporation can be held criminally responsible "only for acts which it authorizes through action of its officers or which . . . [are] done with the acquiescence of its officers." 248 N.Y. at 164. It should be noted, however, that the *Canadian Fur Trappers'* case involved a closely held corporation in which four brothers "constituted the corporation and were its only officers." P. 165. Thus, the court in that case had only to confine its opinion to the acts of individuals who were, in fact, the corporation. See fn. 62, *infra*. It seems appropriate to distinguish a situation of that kind from large, endocratic corporations such as are involved in the present case.

Considering everything we have said above, we are of

opinion that the quantum of proof necessary to sustain the conviction of a corporation for the acts of its agents is sufficiently met if it is shown that the corporation has placed the agent in a position where he has enough authority and responsibility to act for and in behalf of the corporation in handling the *particular* corporate business, operation or project in which he was engaged at the time he committed the criminal act. The judge properly instructed the jury to this effect and correctly stated that this standard does not depend upon the responsibility or authority which the agent has with respect to the entire corporate business, but only to his position with relation to the particular business in which he was serving the corporation. Some of the factors that the jury were entitled to consider in applying the above test, although perhaps not in themselves decisive, are the following: (1) the extent of control and authority exercised by the individual over and within the corporation;[62] (2) the extent and manner to which corporate funds were used in the crime;[63] (3) a repeated pattern of criminal conduct tending to indicate corporate toleration or ratification of the agent's acts.[64] Applying these criteria within the "kinship of the act to authority" test to the

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[62] With regard to a small closely held corporation, in which the individual *is* the corporation, this factor may be considered somewhat decisive. Cf. *Mininsohn* v. *United States*, 101 F. 2d 477 (3d Cir.); *Old Monastery Co.* v. *United States*, 147 F. 2d 905, 908 (4th Cir.); *United States* v. *Empire Packing Co.*, 174 F. 2d 16, 19 (7th Cir.); *People* v. *Canadian Fur Trappers Corp.*, 248 N.Y. 159, 164; *State* v. *Graziani*, 60 N. J. Super. 1, cert. den. 363 U.S. 830.

[63] *Egan* v. *United States*, 137 F. 2d 369, 379 (8th Cir.), cert. den. 320 U.S. 788. *United States* v. *Carter*, 311 F. 2d 934 (6th Cir.). *United States* v. *Knox Coal Co.*, 347 F. 2d 33, 40-41 (3d Cir.). Use of corporate funds has been noted to be evidence of ratification in *Continental Baking Co.* v. *United States*, 281 F. 2d 137, 149 (6th Cir.).

[64] Cf. *Continental Baking Co.* v. *United States, supra; United States* v. *Knox Coal Co., supra; People* v. *Canadian Fur Trappers Corp., supra*, at 164.

present case we next consider the evidence admitted against Household, then Liberty, and lastly, Beneficial.

2. *Household* — Household argues that even applying the "kinship of authority" test to the present case, there is no basis on which the trial court could justify the conclusion that either Pratt or Barber had enough power, duty, responsibility or authority, in handling the matters concerning the Rate Board or involving Hanley in his official capacity, to make the statements and acts of these employees binding upon the corporation.

The judge, without reciting the evidence concerning the relationship between Barber, Pratt and Household, simply ruled that a finding was warranted that the "relationship disclosed by the evidence, whether it be of agency, employment, or office holding, or a combination of them, existed ... between the individuals Barber and Pratt and the corporation *Household*," and that the "statements, acts and conduct of the individual defendants Pratt and Barber ... were done and performed by them for and in behalf of *Household*, within the scope of their authority to act for and in behalf of *Household*, and were otherwise in all respects such that they were and constituted the statements, acts and conduct of *Household*."

We agree with the judge that there was sufficient evidence of authority to submit the case to the jury. The evidence shows that Household is a Delaware corporation, engaged in lending money, with its national headquarters and principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois. Household is divided into various geographical divisions as well as into departments and sub-departments. Among the major departments of Household are those described as "Operations," "Advertising," "Auditing" and "Public Relations." The New England area, including Massachusetts, is termed the "Northern Division" within Household's geographical schema. In this area, Household had 91 loan offices. Forty of these were located in Massachusetts.

During the years involved in this case, the "Northern Division" was under the supervision of one Don H. Ellis, a vice-president and "director of supervision" of Household. Ellis testified that although his duties primarily involved "operations," a "Department that serves the public by making loans and collecting the money back," there is communication within the corporate structure between 1 department and another. For example, if the advertising department was conducting activities in the "Northern Division," then Ellis would be so informed.

The director of public relations for Household during the period covered by these indictments was one Harold Haugan. Haugan, like Ellis, was a vice-president of Household, and was so listed on Household's annual report to its stockholders. As director of public relations, it appears that Haugan was equal or superior to Ellis in the corporate hierarchy. The annual report lists the names of these 2 men in such a fashion as to warrant this inference. On the same page of the annual report, just below the listing of the corporate vice-presidents, there is a list of "Other Staff Executives." The defendant Barber is listed among these executives. The annual report also designates Barber as "Divisional Director" of "Public Relations." From the positioning of Barber's name in the annual report, a jury would be warranted in drawing the inference that Barber's status in the corporate hierarchy was comparable to that of Household's controller. In addition, there was evidence that Barber attended a high level executive conference, which was held annually in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The defendant Pratt was one of Haugan's subordinates in the public relations department. It is apparent that Pratt was also subordinate to Barber and the jury would have been warranted in so inferring. Household hired Pratt in 1957. He commenced work in the public relations department in 1959. Pratt covered the New England area of

Household's public relations activities and worked in Massachusetts.

Among the duties of Household's public relations men was to "enhance the image of the company." In its general instructions manual, Household counseled its employees to refer problems involving persons in "public life" to the public relations department. Ellis testified that this manual states that "if there is a problem that involves a person in public life, an influential person, you name him, anybody . . . who is antagonistic towards the industry . . . then we refer it to the Public Relations Department."

The Commonwealth argues that the above evidence, specifically concerning Barber's rank in the corporate hierarchy, is sufficient to meet the "high managerial agent" test proffered by Household; that Barber is a "high managerial agent" whose acts, knowledge and admissions constitute the acts, knowledge and admissions of Household. We need not decide whether this evidence, specifically that which may be inferred from the annual report, sufficiently delineates Barber's power and authority within the corporate structure to warrant the conclusion that all requisites of the Model Penal Code standard as construed by the defendants are fulfilled. However, we are of opinion that it could have been found that Barber's authority within the public relations department as "divisional director" clothed him with sufficient authority to deal with Hanley in Hanley's capacity as supervisor of loan agencies. The very nature of public relations activities, together with the specific instructions in Household's manual to refer problems involving persons in "public life" or "influential persons" to the public relations department, warrants the conclusion that Barber and Pratt possessed the authority to deal with the Hanley "program." Cf. *Egan* v. *United States*, 137 F. 2d 369, 380 (8th Cir.).

The fact that there is evidence that the law department

of Household also dealt with the Rate Board proceedings of 1962 does not alter this result. The jury would be warranted in concluding from the testimony of Ellis that there was at least some degree of inter-departmental communication within Household's corporate structure. The fact that Household authorized its law department to deal with the Rate Board hearings did not preempt its public relations department from dealing personally with Hanley. It was within the province of the jury to decide whether Barber, in his position as "divisional director" and Pratt, in his position as Household's sole public relations man in Massachusetts, possessed a sufficient quantum of authority to deal with Hanley. All of the evidence recounted above warranted the submission to the jury of the acts and statements of the other conspirators. This evidence, in toto, more than justifies the conclusion that Household, through its employees Barber and Pratt, acting within the authority conferred on them, conspired to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle. Household's motion for a directed verdict on the conspiracy indictment was, therefore, properly denied.

3. *Liberty* — Liberty, like Household, argues that there is insufficient evidence of the defendant Woodcock's authority to act on its behalf in conspiring to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle. In view of what we have said with respect to Household, we are of opinion that, a fortiori, Liberty's argument is devoid of merit.

Liberty is a publicly held corporation, incorporated in the State of Delaware. It is the beneficiary of various Massachusetts business trusts conducting the small loans business in Massachusetts. Woodcock was 1 of Liberty's 2 executive vice-presidents and also 1 of its 11 directors. In 1960, Woodcock attended a series of meetings or hearings in Massachusetts involving changes in the regulations governing the supervision of the small loans industry by the small loans division. On September 8, 1961, the head

clerk of the small loans division returned certain surety bonds and small loans office license applications to Woodcock at Liberty's office in St. Louis. Three days later, on September 11, 1961, Woodcock wrote to the small loans division on stationery indicating that he was writing from Liberty's "Executive Offices" in St. Louis and in his official capacity as executive vice-president. On November 19, 1962, again in his capacity as executive vice-president, Woodcock wrote directly to Hanley informing him that Liberty's treasurer, O. H. Love, would appear on Liberty's behalf at the 1962 Rate Board hearings.

The foregoing evidence clearly demonstrates that Woodcock possessed sufficient authority to act on behalf of Liberty in dealing with Hanley and the Rate Board hearings. As a high corporate official, indeed 1 of its directors, Woodcock had dealings with the small loans department over a 3 year period, as well as dealings with Hanley directly. This evidence, together with the position he held in the corporate hierarchy, is sufficient to support a finding that Woodcock's acts, conduct and admissions were also those of Liberty. The fact that the Commonwealth did not produce evidence showing Woodcock's specific authorization to offer a bribe to Hanley is inconsequential. As we previously stated, evidence of specific prior authorization of criminal activity by the board of directors of a large publicly held corporation is not readily susceptible of investigation and discovery, nor is such authorization likely to have occurred. Even on the defendants' view of the Model Penal Code standard, which appears to be met in the case of Woodcock, such a quantum of proof would not be required.

The judge rightly admitted the acts and statements of the other conspirators against Liberty, and correctly denied Liberty's motion for a directed verdict on the conspiracy indictment.

4. *Beneficial* — The conviction of Beneficial presents a

more involved situation regarding the sufficiency of evidence than that of the other loan companies. This is due to the interlocking corporate structure of the "Beneficial Finance System" (a term used by Beneficial to describe itself and its wholly owned subsidiaries),[65] rather than the sufficiency of the evidence against Farrell and Glynn, both of whom were employees of the "System." Indeed, Farrell and Glynn emerge as 2 of the major proponents of the plot to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle, there being an overwhelming amount of evidence relative to the participation of each.

The evidence discloses that Farrell and Glynn were not formally the employees of the defendant Beneficial. Farrell was vice-president and director of Beneficial Management. Similarly, Glynn was employed by Beneficial Management and was formally on the payroll of Industrial Bankers, a Massachusetts business trust completely owned and controlled by Beneficial. In addition to Industrial Bankers, Beneficial fully owns and operates 2 other Massachusetts business trusts—New England Equity and Workingmen's Loan Association. These 3 trusts engage in the consumer loan business within the Commonwealth and operate a total of 58 licensed small loans offices. The parent, Beneficial, controls the appointment of the trustees and officers of the 3 trusts and provides them with the funds necessary for continued operation.

Beneficial Management also is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beneficial. Both corporations, parent and subsidiary, are Delaware corporations with their principal offices located in the Beneficial Building, 1300 Market Street, Wilmington 99, Delaware. Beneficial Management also has offices in Morristown, New Jersey. Beneficial Management provides

[65] Beneficial states that it "is proud of its long association with Boston .... The Beneficial Finance System has been serving Boston since 1920 and has more offices in the Boston metropolitan area than any other consumer finance organization."

auditing, accounting and legal services for these trusts. It is also its responsibility to distribute to the loan offices a detailed instruction book entitled "Beneficial Finance System, Service Staff Bulletins." This manual promulgates guidelines on the making and collecting of loans and the preparation of papers required by law. It is apparent that many of the officers and directors of Beneficial are also officers and directors of Beneficial Management.[66] In fact, Beneficial refers to the officers and key executives of Beneficial Management as "the men behind Beneficial." As a vice-president and director of Beneficial Management, the defendant Farrell is so listed.

The public relations area was handled for all of the individual Beneficial loan offices and business trusts in Massachusetts by the defendant, Glynn, Beneficial's director of industry relations. Although Glynn was on the payroll

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[66] The following chart compiled by the Commonwealth discloses a network of interlocking directorates and office holders within the Beneficial Finance "System."

	Beneficial	*Beneficial Management*	*Industrial Bankers*	*New England Equity*	*Workingmen's Loan Ass'n*	*58 Individual Licensees*
T.A. McGRATH	President	Director				
R.A. TUCKER	Vice-President	Director				
W.C. THOMPSON	Vice-President		Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	
A.H. STROTHMAN	Secretary		Secretary	Secretary	Secretary	Secretary
O.W. CASPERSON	Director	Director				
R.G. DOBB	Director			President		
D.H. FINCK	Director	Director				
D.E. McMICHAEL	Director	President				
FRANK J. McCANN		Vice-President	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	
D.J. PAUL	Director	Senior Vice President	Trustee			

of Industrial Bankers, he was not assigned to any particular office or department of Industrial Bankers; nor was he the subordinate of any employee of that trust. He did public relations work and reported principally to Farrell.

Glynn's activities included ingratiating himself with legislators and members of the small loans division. He entertained Hanley extensively. Glynn expedited the procurement of an additional license for Beneficial or the movement of one of its offices. His primary function was to "sell Beneficial's position on any policies, matters of legislation, anything affecting regulations with the Department [of Banking], anything affecting annual and monthly reports with the Department, anything affecting the increase in license fees of the Department."

It is clear from the above evidence concerning Glynn's duties and Farrell's position within the Beneficial Finance "System," that Farrell and Glynn possessed sufficient authority to at least act on behalf of Beneficial Management in dealing with Hanley particularly in connection with Rate Board hearings. In this regard, the evidence of Farrell and Glynn's authority to deal with such matters is even more conclusive than that admitted against Barber, Pratt and Woodcock in our holding Household and Liberty liable for the acts of their employees. Farrell's position and authority as vice-president and director of Beneficial Management raises the inference that he was sufficiently highly placed in the corporate hierarchy of Beneficial Management to permit the jury to find that he was a "high managerial agent" whose "conduct may fairly be assumed to represent the policy of the corporation." Model Penal Code, §2.07 (2) (c) (Proposed Official Draft). Farrell is pictured in Beneficial's annual report as 1 of "the men behind Beneficial" and his photograph appears on the page of that consolidated report devoted to Beneficial Management together with photographs of 2 other vice-presidents of Bene-

ficial Management. Thus, we find no difficulty in holding, either according to the standard adopted by the judge or that of the Model Penal Code, that it could have been found that the acts, statements and knowledge of Farrell and Glynn were those of Beneficial Management.

However, the principal issue confronting us here is whether the evidence was sufficient as matter of law to warrant a finding that Farrell and Glynn *acted within the authority granted to them by Beneficial.* Beneficial vigorously argues that this court should not disregard Beneficial Management as a corporate entity, should adopt its view of the Model Penal Code standard, and therefore should conclude that Farrell was not a high managerial agent of the parent, Beneficial. On the other hand, the Commonwealth argues that the pervasive control of Beneficial Management by Beneficial and the "use of the former entity by Beneficial solely for its own ends within the 'Beneficial Finance System' while representing to the public at large that such 'System' was a unitary, centrally controlled whole, and the delegation by Beneficial to Beneficial Management of the powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities for dealing with the Massachusetts small loans regulatory authorities," warrants looking through the corporate structure to the parent, Beneficial. The Commonwealth concludes that Farrell should be regarded as a "high managerial agent" of Beneficial whose actions bind that corporation.

Essentially, we are in agreement with the position of the Commonwealth. We concede that the law is well settled that the parent's ownership of the entire stock of its subsidiary as well as control over the latter's affairs do not, without more, warrant treating 2 separate and distinct corporate entities identically. *Berry* v. *Old So. Engraving Co.* 283 Mass. 441, 451. See *Brighton Packing Co.* v. *Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Assn.*, 211 Mass. 398, 403, 404; *Browne* v. *Brockton Natl. Bank*, 305 Mass. 521, 530; *Galdi*

v. *Caribbean Sugar Co.*, 327 Mass. 402, 407-408. But it is also clear that "courts look through the corporate form to the individuals in order to protect the public, prevent a fraud, or to accomplish some other essential justice." *Hallett* v. *Moore*, 282 Mass. 380, 399, citing *J. J. McCaskill Co.* v. *United States*, 216 U.S. 504, 515. *Southern Pac. Co.* v. *Lowe*, 247 U.S. 330, 337. *Gulf Oil Corp.* v. *Lewellyn*, 248 U.S. 71. See *Star Brewing Co.* v. *Flynn*, 237 Mass. 213, 217; *New England Theatres, Inc.* v. *Olympia Theatres, Inc.*, 287 Mass. 485, 493; *Henry F. Michell Co.* v. *Fitzgerald*, 353 Mass. 318, 322.

In the recent decision of *My Bread Baking Co.* v. *Cumberland Farms, Inc.*, 353 Mass. 614, we held a corporation liable for the torts of various satellite corporations even though the principal corporation did not own stock in any of the affiliates. The evidence in that case revealed that one Haseotes was the secretary, treasurer and a stockholder of Cumberland Farms, Inc. The Haseotes family also owned all of the stock in numerous other corporations operating retail stores which sold the dairy products of Cumberland Farms, Inc. Although the satellite corporations were not the subsidiaries of Cumberland Farms, Inc., they all had the same officers, operated as a single enterprise from a single headquarters and used the name of Cumberland Farms, Inc. as a trade name. From this evidence we inferred that Haseotes was a dominant figure in the enterprise, and that the store managers of the various retail outlets followed his orders and acted as agents of the principal corporation. With reference to the question of when employees of 1 corporation may be treated as the agents of another, we said:

"A corporation or other person controlling a corporation and directing, or participating actively in (see *Refrigeration Discount Corp.* v. *Catino*, 330 Mass. 230, 234-236), its operations may become subject to civil or criminal liability

on principles of agency or of causation. See *Commonwealth* v. *Abbott Engr. Inc.*, 351 Mass. 568, 579-580. See also *Rock-Ola Mfg. Corp.* v. *Music & Television Corp.*, 339 Mass. 416, 422-423. This may sometimes occur where corporations are formed, or availed of, to carry out the objectives and purposes of the corporations or persons controlling them. See *Rice* v. *Price*, 340 Mass. 502, 511-512; *Centmont Corp.* v. *Marsch*, 68 F. 2d 460, 464-465 (1st Cir.), *cert. den.* 291 U.S. 680. See also *Finnish Temperance Soc. Sovittaja* v. *Finnish Socialistic Publishing Co.*, 238 Mass. 345, 354-356; *Henry F. Michell Co.* v. *Fitzgerald*, . . .[353 Mass.] 318, 321-322. The circumstances in which one corporation, or a person controlling it, may become liable for the acts or torts of an affiliate or a subsidiary under common control have been frequently discussed. Although common ownership of the stock of two or more corporations together with common management, standing alone, will not give rise to liability on the part of one corporation for the acts of another corporation or its employees, additional facts may be such as to permit the conclusion that an agency or similar relationship exists between the entities. Particularly is this true (a) when there is active and direct participation by the representatives of one corporation, apparently exercising some form of pervasive control, in the activities of another and there is some fraudulent or injurious consequence of the intercorporate relationship, or (b) when there is a confused intermingling of activity of two or more corporations engaged in a common enterprise with substantial disregard of the separate nature of the corporate entities, or serious ambiguity about the manner and capacity in which the various corporations and their respective representatives are acting." Pp. 618-619.

We are of opinion that the standards enunciated above apply with equal validity to the case before us. Here, there is a clear interpenetration of corporate officers and

directors between Beneficial and Beneficial Management. Beneficial's president, 2 vice-presidents, and 2 directors were all directors of Beneficial Management. One of the directors of Beneficial was the president and another was the senior vice-president, and a third was a vice-president of Beneficial Management. The duality of corporate authority in these top executives reflects the extent of control and participation exercised by Beneficial over Beneficial Management.

Also of significance is the fact that Beneficial owned all of the stock of Beneficial Management and supplied operating funds to it. Additionally, the business services furnished by Beneficial Management were provided essentially as a part of the business operations of Beneficial. In this regard, Beneficial Management emerges as but a division of the Beneficial Finance "System" and an adjunct to Beneficial. This mixture of business operations was considered important in the case of *United States* v. *Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co.*, 141 F. Supp. 520, at p. 526 (D.R.I.) where the court said: "The mere fact that one corporation owns all of the capital stock of a subsidiary corporation, standing alone, is not enough to warrant the disregard of their separate legal entities or sufficient to establish the subsidiary as the agent of the parent corporation. More is required. But where it is also shown that the business conducted by the subsidiary is a part of the business of the parent corporation, and where such ownership of stock in a subsidiary is employed not for the purpose of participating in the affairs of the subsidiary in a manner normal and usual with stockholders but for the purpose of making it a mere agent or department of the parent corporation, the courts will look through the form to the realities of the relation between the corporations and will hold that in such cases the subsidiary is a mere agent or department for carrying on the business of the parent corporation." See *National*

Labor Relations Bd. v. *Deena Artware, Inc.*, 361 U.S. 398, 403, and *Joseph R. Foard Co. of Baltimore City* v. *State*, 219 Fed. 827, 829 (4th Cir.). In the case of *Sisco-Hamilton Co.* v. *Lennon*, 240 F. 2d 68, 69 (7th Cir.), it was also noted that the operations of each of 4 separate corporations were geared to the operations of the others. The court there stated: "The record demonstrates existence of four cognate corporations all geared to the activities of one another under the parent's control. Under this intimate relationship it would be unjust to fall back on sterile technicalities consisting only of identities of entities as the sole bar to recovery for negligence by one or more of the subsidiaries."

We regard the foregoing language particularly applicable to the circumstances before us. Beneficial Management was demonstrably "geared" to the operations of Beneficial as well as those of the 3 Massachusetts trusts. This factor was considered in the *My Bread* case, 353 Mass. 614, where we referred to "a confused intermingling of activity of two or more corporations engaged in a common enterprise with substantial disregard of the separate nature of the corporate entities." P. 619.

We also consider noteworthy the fact that the entire consumer finance business of Beneficial was operated under the name of Beneficial Finance Company. It seems obvious that Beneficial derives a substantial amount of publicity and good will by representing to the public and its shareholders that it operates as a single, integral, mutually supporting entity. The *My Bread* case also noted this factor in ascertaining an agency relationship between many apparently distinct corporations. *Supra*, at 620. See *National Labor Relations Bd.* v. *Deena Artware, Inc.*, 361 U.S. 398, 403.

Beneficial argues that the standards enunciated in the *My Bread* case "may be justifiable in a civil suit for damages" but that they "should not apply in a criminal case" where a defendant "is entitled to a presumption of inno-

cence and the burden [is] on the prosecution to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

The fact that this is a criminal case does not alter our view nor does it warrant adopting a rule different from that in the *My Bread* case. The traditional protection afforded a criminal defendant by placing the burden on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and by clothing the defendant with a presumption of innocence is not undermined by subjecting a parent corporation to criminal responsibility on the grounds that it fully controls and participates in the operations of its subsidiary which commits the criminal act. This is the rule of our cases and it was so cited in the *My Bread* case. In the *My Bread* case, citing *Commonwealth* v. *Abbot Engr. Inc.*, 351 Mass. 568, 579-580 (a criminal case concerning larceny by false pretences), we said that "[a] corporation ... controlling a corporation and directing, or participating actively in ... its operations may become subject to *civil or criminal liability* on principles of agency or of causation" (emphasis supplied). *My Bread, supra,* at 618. See *Commonwealth* v. *Welansky,* 316 Mass. 383, 402; *Commonwealth* v. *Nichols,* 10 Metc. 259; *Commonwealth* v. *Riley,* 210 Mass. 387, 395-396.

Thus, we discern no valid reason for not applying the standards of the *My Bread* case in looking behind the corporate structure of the defendant Beneficial. The interest of the Commonwealth in protecting itself and its citizens from the criminal acts of foreign corporations is of much greater importance than the right of 1 person to pursue a civil remedy against a foreign corporate defendant. The inherent power of the Commonwealth to prosecute those who violate the law, whether they be individuals or corporations, dictates that such offenders should not be permitted to insulate themselves from criminal prosecution by shielding themselves behind instrumentalities which they promulgate to

conceal their criminal acts. This is especially true of large endocratic corporations which are structured to enable them to create a flow of authority from the upper echelons of directors and officers to lower ranks of corporate executives. Such a structure makes the responsibility for a criminal act more easily susceptible of concealment. Even greater beclouding of responsibility by a corporate principal takes place where a corporation such as Beneficial creates subsidiaries and business trusts to carry out its everyday administration and business operations. We find it appalling to allow such a corporate structure to shield those corporate entities which directly or indirectly receive the monetary benefits of criminal activity and at the same time avoid the sanctions which may be imposed upon those corporate employees who commit the actual criminal act.

In view of everything we have said above, we hold that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that there existed between the defendants Farrell and Glynn and the corporation Beneficial Management a relationship of agency with the corporation Beneficial which empowered Farrell and Glynn to act on behalf of Beneficial in dealing with Hanley in his official capacity and also in connection with the Rate Board proceedings. Beneficial's motion for a directed verdict on the conspiracy indictment was properly denied.

D. Conduct of the First Trial.

Various defendants assert that certain features of the judge's conduct of the trial constituted reversible error.

1. Several of these arguments relate to the judge's handling of the jury. First, Household urges that the judge took insufficient precautions to guard the jury against the possible adverse effects of certain publicity, both before and during the trial. Pratt and Barber join in these arguments.

Shortly before the selection of the jury, the Commonwealth elected to "nolle pross" 2 indictments against

Edward A. Counihan, Third, then the Commisisoner of Banks. Assistant Attorney General Travers stated that the indictments were "nolle prossed" because a codefendant had decided not to supply the Commonwealth with testimony essential to proof of guilt under the indictments. The Boston Globe and the Boston Traveler on that day carried stories concerning the "nolle pross," and quoted Mr. Travers' statement. Motions for a continuance and for a mistrial were denied. The rulings were within the discretion of the judge, particularly in the absence of a clear showing of prejudice.

During the empanelling of the jury, it became apparent that some of the veniremen had formed opinions with respect to the case on the basis of pre-trial publicity, and had discussed the matter among themselves. The judge inquired, inter alia, of each prospective juror whether he or she (1) had any interest in the case, or in its result; (2) had formed or expressed any opinion as to the innocence or guilt of any of the defendants; (3) was conscious of any bias or prejudice as to the case or as to any of the parties for any reason whatever; and (4) was sensible of any bias or prejudice as to loan companies or finance companies. The judge eventually excused 100 jurors for cause.

Household moved that the judge further poll the prospective jurors to determine (1) what, if anything, they had read concerning the trial; (2) what had occurred during pre-trial discussions among the veniremen; and (3) whether such reading or discussion had created any bias in the minds of the jurors. The judge declined to put these further questions to the jurors.

We agree with the judge's reasoning that the purpose of questioning prospective jurors is to determine whether they are free from interest, bias and prejudice, rather than to find out how they may have come to have an improper attitude. G.L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 234, § 28. The decision not to

ask the further questions requested by the defendants was within the sound discretion of the judge. *Commonwealth* v. *Geagan*, 339 Mass. 487, 502-508, *cert. den. sub nom. Geagan* v. *Massachusetts*, 361 U.S. 895. *Commonwealth* v. *Nassar*, 351 Mass. 37, 40-41. *Commonwealth* v. *Nassar*, 354 Mass. 249, 252-254. *Commonwealth* v. *Ricard*, 355 Mass. 509, 510-511. Although it would have been entirely proper to poll the jurors, *Commonwealth* v. *Crehan*, 345 Mass. 609, 615, the judge also might have been reluctant to call the attention of the jurors to possible sources of adverse publicity. *Taylor* v. *Creeley*, 257 Mass. 21, 26. Each of the jurors eventually selected stated that he had no opinion, bias, or prejudice with respect to the case or any of the defendants. The judge noted that he had "no reason to believe that any juror answered a question untruthfully." Cf. *Marshall* v. *United States*, 360 U.S. 310, 312-313.

Three other articles published during the trial were also the basis of various defence motions. During the Commonwealth's opening statement, Mr. Travers stated that "the Commonwealth will present evidence of a trip by Martin Hanley and one Jerome Troy to Washington" to pick up the "package from Barber." The following day, an article in the Boston Globe accurately quoted Attorney General Brooke as stating that "[t]here was no intention to implicate Judge Troy in the crime at all.... We don't propose that the judge knew the nature of the trip." The early edition of the Boston Globe on August 18, 1966, carried a page 1 headline, "Brooke Says Judge Troy in the Clear." A motion for a mistrial, and a motion to poll the jury concerning their knowledge of the publications were denied. The judge ruled that the defendants had failed to establish that they were prejudiced by the newspaper accounts.

Later in the trial, on September 10, 1966, The Saturday Evening Post published a long interview with Attorney General Brooke, then campaigning for the United States

Senate. The article included the following statements: "Brooke is honest and sincere, and in Massachusetts politics that *is* out of the ordinary.... He won the attorney generalship in 1962 ... and immediately began indicting Democrats. ... While some indictments have turned sour—conspiracy and bribery cases usually depend on one of the parties to a crime admitting that he is a crook, and sometimes the parties change their minds—there is no shortage of new ones.... Brooke, who had no primary opposition, campaigned against sin. In this case sin is alleged to infect some of the state's principal small-loan companies, whose officers are accused of conspiring with state officials to keep loan rates high." The judge denied a motion for a mistrial and a motion to poll the jury concerning the article, again ruling that "the publication and the distribution of the article in question will not deprive, nor reasonably could it deprive, the defendants of a trial before a jury whose verdict will be based solely on the evidence presented, or to be presentd in open court during the course of this trial."

Finally, on October 29, 1966, near the end of the first trial, an article in the Boston Herald reported that the "Consumer's Council," a government body (see St. 1963, c. 773), had recommended the abolition of the Rate Board "because of the past activities concerning bribery and the solicitation and acceptance of bribes and the manipulations of this Board by its members and by the industry which it regulates." The judge again denied motions for a mistrial and for a poll of the jury.

The denial of the motion to poll the jury concerning the articles was within the judge's discretion. *Taylor* v. *Creeley*, 257 Mass. 21, 26. The motions for a mistrial, on the basis of publiction alone, were also addressed to the judge's discretion. *Worcester Tel. & Gazette, Inc.* v. *Commonwealth*, 354 Mass. 578, 580-581. He determined that 2 of the articles

were not prejudicial to the defendants. The article concerning the recommendation of the Consumers' Council, although it gave the judge somewhat greater pause, was cast in fairly general terms and did not specifically relate to the proceedings before the court. Furthermore, before denying the motion for a mistrial based on this article, the judge instructed the jury as follows: "I repeat now what I have said to you on a number of occasions in the past, to the effect that ultimately, when you deliberate in your attempt to reach a verdict in this case, you must arrive at your decision solely on the basis of facts which may be agreed to by the parties and reported to you from time to time, plus the evidence which is presented during the course of the trial in open court and in your presence. Those are the limits of matters which you may consider as the basis for your verdict. I told you early in the trial, and I think I repeated later, that if you read or see or hear from any other source anything concerning this case or anything concerning the proceedings of the Court during your absence, you must totally disregard what you see or hear or learn in this manner, or from any such source, because it is not evidence and it is not to be considered by you in your ultimate decision of this case." Particularly in view of the judge's prompt, clear and forceful instruction, we cannot say that he abused his discretion in denying the motion for a mistrial. See *Commonwealth* v. *Eagan*, Mass. , .[a]

2. The judge also denied requests during the empanelling and again at the beginning of the trial that he instruct the jurors "not to read any newspaper accounts or listen [to] or watch radio or television reports concerning any of the proceedings in these cases." The defendants contend that his refusal to give these instructions constituted error. We do not agree.

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[a] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 889, 891-892.

It is, as the defendants urge, the recommendation of the American Bar Association Advisory Committee on Fair Trial and Free Press, chaired by a member of this court, that instructions such as those requested be given "[i]n any case that appears likely to be of significant public interest." See Standards Relating to Fair Trial and Free Press, § 3.5 (e), pp. 139-140, 144-145, published after the trial of these cases. In this case, however, absent a showing of prejudice, we do not see that failure to give this salutary warning constituted error.

The question whether newspaper publicity has engendered prejudice to defendants is one in which the trial judge has large discretion. *Marshall* v. *United States*, 360 U.S. 310, 312. "Whether a judge has abused his discretionary powers is to be determined by the special facts of each case." *Commonwealth* v. *Eagan*, Mass. , .[b] Our attention has not been called to alleged sources of prejudicial publicity other than those discussed above. This case involves no such massive publicity as was present in *Estes* v. *Texas*, 381 U.S. 532, or *Sheppard* v. *Maxwell*, 384 U.S. 333. The articles did not relate to matter ruled prejudicial by the judge, cf. *Marshall* v. *United States*, 360 U.S. 310, 311, or conceded by the prosecution to be prejudicial, cf. *Worcester Tel. & Gazette, Inc.* v. *Commonwealth*, 354 Mass. 578, 579-580, or to criminal convictions, inadmissible for important independent reasons. Cf. *Commonwealth* v. *Crehan*, 345 Mass. 609, 610-611, and G.L. c. 233, § 21, as amended through St. 1950, c. 426. The case last mentioned is further distinguishable upon the ground that here the judge's prompt, clear, and forceful instructions to the jury, quoted above, were hardly susceptible of misunderstanding by the jury. Cf. *Commonwealth* v. *Crehan*, *supra*, at 611-612, 614-615. The instructions given were, in the

[b] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 889, 891.

circumstances, sufficiently *strong* to counteract the possible effect of the adverse publicity. See *Commonwealth* v. *Eagan*, Mass. , .[c]

3. Household, Barber, Pratt, Glynn and Farrell contend that it was error for the judge to submit 4 special questions to the jury, to wit: (1A.) Whether a bribe was given, (1B.) If yes, in what city and State. (2.) Whether a bribe was offered, and (3.) Whether a bribe was promised. In commenting to the jury upon these questions, the judge stated, "[A]s to each such count the Court is asking the jury to answer some special questions and then to give its verdict." The defendants contend that once the jury answered the special questions, the general verdicts constituted "hollow affirmations" of matters already decided, depriving the defendants of their rights to due process and fair trial. Their argument is that the jury's reliance upon special questions may undermine the generality of their verdict under G.L. c. 278, § 11, which provides as follows: "The jury . . . after having received the instructions of the court, shall decide, in their discretion, by a general verdict, both the fact and the law involved in the issue, or they may, at their election, find a special verdict."

It is well settled that in civil cases the trial judge has the power to submit special questions to be answered by the jury as supplementary to a general verdict. E.g., *Hill* v. *Hayes*, 199 Mass. 411, 417; Note, "Common-Law Power and Duty of Court to Submit Proper Special Interrogatories to Jury," 15 Anno. Cas. 469. The defendants urge that criminal cases be distinguished and place principal reliance on the case of *United States* v. *Spock*, 416 F. 2d 165, 180-183 (1st Cir.).

It may well be that with respect to the matter of special questions different considerations are operative in the 2

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[c] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 889, 892.

classes of cases. See *Skidmore* v. *Baltimore & O. R.R.*, 167 F. 2d 54, 70 (2d Cir.), *cert. den.* 335 U.S. 816. We note, however, that even in a criminal case, the use of special questions may in certain circumstances serve as an aid to an appellate court (cf. *Stromberg* v. *California*, 283 U.S. 359, 367-368), or be otherwise helpful to the proof or disposition of the case. See authorities cited in *United States* v. *Spock*, 416 F. 2d 165, 182, at n. 41. We do not agree with the defendants' contention that the 4 questions here submitted were such as to lead "the jurors down the guilty trail." In any event, "[t]he answers were not inconsistent with and were superseded by the verdicts. If the answers be considered as incorporated in the verdicts and thereby a part of them, the validity of the verdicts is not affected." *Commonwealth* v. *Bartholomew*, 326 Mass. 218, 221.

4. Pratt and Barber argue that it was error for the judge to refuse to poll the individual jurors after the return of their verdicts. The settled law of this Commonwealth is otherwise. *Commonwealth* v. *Goldenberg*, 338 Mass. 377, 386. See *Hernandez* v. *Delgrado*, 375 F. 2d 584, 585-586 (1st Cir.).

5. The defendants also assign as error various elements of the judge's charge to the jury. Pratt objects to the judge's failure to instruct that an agreement "to participate in the unlawful combination" is essential to a finding of guilt under the conspiracy indictments. Liberty and Woodcock were denied a requested instruction that the jury, in order to find them guilty, must find that Woodcock's words at the Commodore meeting were "coupled with a then present intent . . . of joining, participating and actively assisting in an illegal venture." These requested instructions were adequately covered by the judge's charge which included, inter alia, the statement that "the Commonwealth must prove as to a particular defendant . . . that he, by his own actions, words, or conduct entered into an agreement

with one or more other persons to commit a crime. Now, this is not the same thing as talking to somebody about somebody else's committing a crime." The judge was not obliged to adopt the exact wording of the instructions requested by the defendants. *Commonwealth* v. *Beal*, 314 Mass. 210, 231.

6. Household contends that the judge's instructions permitted the jury to find Household guilty of a conspiracy (a) with its own employees, or (b) between its own employees. See *Poller* v. *Columbia Bdcst. Sys. Inc.*, 284 F. 2d 599, 603 (D.C. Cir.), *revd. on other grounds* 368 U.S. 464, 469; *Pearson* v. *Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.*, 332 F. 2d 439 (7th Cir.), *cert. den.* 379 U.S. 914. However, the charge as a whole sufficiently informed the jurors that in order to find Household guilty, they must first find that the individual employees, Pratt or Barber or both, had conspired with someone outside of the corporation. In any event, the guilty verdicts returned against the other defendants on the conspiracy indictments involving Household clearly show that Household was not being held to account merely for an intra-corporate agreement.

7. The judge denied Household's request for an instruction that if a gift, offer, or promise were made to Hanley with the sole intent that he pass it on to the members of the Rate Board, Household could not be found guilty of the bribery of Hanley under G.L. (Ter. Ed.) 268, § 7. In *Commonwealth* v. *Barker*, 311 Mass. 82, 84, 90, the defendant (in a companion case) in a prosecution for accepting a bribe insisted at trial that he had received the money only for the purpose of giving it to another municipal officer, and an instruction similar to that requested by Household was given. In the present case there was considerable evidence that at least part of the "program" was to go to Hanley himself. The judge, "[h]aving given the jury correct rules for their guidance . . . is not required to go

further and discuss possible findings of fact upon which a defendant might be acquitted. *Commonwealth* v. *Greenberg*, 339 Mass. 557, 585.

8. Household, Barber, and Pratt urge that there was no evidence on which the jury could find that the bribe was designed to influence Hanley's conduct in his official capacity (see G.L. c. 268, § 7), since his actions before the Rate Board were not authorized by statute, regulation or established usage. However, the jury could have found that the defendants believed Hanley was a key figure at the rate hearings, and that Hanley "used the real *or supposed* power of [his] office to obtain money for himself . . . in violation of his public duty, and that under color of his office he exercised *de facto* the power needed to accomplish what he set out to do" (emphasis supplied). *Commonwealth* v. *Avery*, 301 Mass. 605, 608. If, in such circumstances, the acceptance of a bribe is proscribed, as the *Avery* decision held, we perceive no reason why the same considerations of policy should not, under the statute, forbid the offer or promise of a bribe.

9. Household, Barber, and Pratt also claim error in the judge's charge to the jury that if Garfinkle was a member of the Rate Board, and if Hanley was Supervisor of Loan Agencies, then each was an "officer" within the meaning of the statute, as matter of law. The defendants argue that in giving this instruction the judge impermissibly invaded the fact-finding province of the jury and in effect, directed a verdict for the Commonwealth as to 1 element of the offence charged. This argument cannot prevail. It is true that whether the duties of a particular defendant are of a character to bring him within the ambit of a statute is a question which may properly be left to the jury. *Commonwealth* v. *Tsaffaras*, 250 Mass. 445, 448. *Commonwealth* v. *Dowe*, 315 Mass. 217, 225-226. But here the judge carefully and correctly instructed the jury that the burden was on the

Commonwealth to establish that the person allegedly bribed was an "officer." He did not direct a finding that Garfinkle and Hanley were "officers" under the statute. The charge was addressed, rather, to the meaning of the statutory term.

10. Liberty and Woodcock argue that the judge committed error in refusing to instruct the jury that the "absence of a prior inconsistent statement can itself be an inconsistent statement," for purposes of impeaching a witness's testimony. Their theory is that the jury should have been explicitly informed that they were "entitled to believe that Heath's trial testimony was newly fabricated" because of his earlier failure to mention any statement by Woodcock at the Commodore Hotel meeting. The omission of a single item, however, from Heath's earlier lengthy accounts of the meeting hardly warrants the inference that his testimony at trial was newly fabricated. The judge was not obliged to burden the minds of the jurors with every conceivably helpful technicality of the law of evidence. His charge accurately stated the law in this Commonwealth as to prior inconsistent statements.

11. Likewise the judge's instructions concerning adherence to the conspiracy by means of silent acquiescence, as challenged by Liberty and Woodcock, fairly stated the law in this Commonwealth. Acquiescence in a conspiracy need not be indicated by words. *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 113. See *United States* v. *Palladino*, 203 F. Supp. 35, 37-38 (D. Mass.). See also *supra* p. 70 of this opinion.

12. The final objections to the charge, raised by Household and joined in by Pratt and Barber, relate to the establishment of the defendants' corrupt intent as an element of the crime of bribery. First, it is argued that the judge erred in refusing to charge that if one attempts through offering something of value only to secure something to which he believes he is legally entitled, then that belief should be considered as bearing on whether he had

a corrupt intent. There was some evidence that Household believed it was entitled to a continuation of the existing rate on small loans because of certain statutory language allegedly limiting the authority of the Rate Board. There was no evidence, however, that Household believed it had a legal right to pay Hanley to maintain the existing rate. Cases such as *Commonwealth* v. *Ballou,* 283 Mass. 304, 314, are therefore not on point. The judge correctly charged that belief in the legality of the rate was no defence if the jury should find that notwithstanding and apart from that belief the defendants did actually bribe a public officer. To hold otherwise would be to create a major and illogical exception to the substantive offence of bribery. Household's position was adequately reflected in the judge's charge that the jury could consider Household's belief (as to the rate change) as bearing on whether Household had a motive to bribe, and hence on whether Household did in fact offer a bribe.

Household also contends that it was error to charge that a "gift or gratuity" was something which the defendant "was not *legally obligated* or required to give or to pay," on the ground that this instruction "excluded from the jury's consideration whether the offer might have been made under *compulsion* in fact," i.e., involuntarily. Apart from the fact that there was no request for an instruction that the jury consider the voluntariness of the promises to pay Hanley and Garfinkle (see *Commonwealth* v. *Enwright,* 259 Mass. 152, 158-159), we feel it helpful to repeat what was said in *Commonwealth* v. *Polian,* 288 Mass. 494, 499, as applicable to many facets of these proceedings: "Charges would be endless as well as confusing if a judge could be compelled to call attention to every subsidiary fact and every possible inference.... It is for the judge to decide to what extent he will state the evidence and discuss the possible inferences of fact that may be drawn from it."

13. The defendants also raise various objections to the judge's handling of evidentiary matters. Glynn, Farrell and Hanley assert that the judge committed error in hearing the Commonwealth ex parte on its applications for issuance of process to out-of-State witnesses, under G.L. c. 233, §§ 13A-13D. In its requests for process, the prosecution represented that 1 prospective out-of-State witness was "necessary and material . . . by reason of the fact that he agreed with others to pay a sum of money to [bribe] Martin J. Hanley, an executive officer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," and that a number of other persons were necessary and material witnesses because of their "personal knowledge that a sum of money was delivered to another for the purpose of being given to Martin J. Hanley." The judge's certificate issued under c. 233, § 13B, stated only that the testimony of a witness was material because of "personal knowledge that a sum of money was delivered to another for the purpose of being paid to an executive officer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." None of the prospective out-of-State witnesses actually testified at the trial.

The defendants' contention is twofold: First, that the ex parte hearing prejudiced the judge against the defendants and deprived them of their right to a fair trial; and second, that it deprived them of their right of confrontation under the Sixth Amendment.

As to the first point, we note that the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses From Without a State in Criminal Proceedings, adopted in Massachusetts as G.L. c. 233, § 13A-13D, contemplates that the materiality of the testimony of a witness be shown in the certificate of the judge of the demanding State, or else in separate proceedings commenced upon that certificate in the requested State. See *People* v. *Cavanaugh*, 69 Cal. 2d 262; *Re Stamler*, 279 App. Div. (N. Y.) 908. Presumably, the judge of the

demanding State is to satisfy himself that the testimony is in fact material. A bare allegation of materiality, on the part of the prosecution, may not afford a sufficient basis for this determination. *State* v. *Fouquette,* 67 Nev. 505, *cert. den.* 341 U.S. 932. Contrary to the defendants' contention, the judge here made no preliminary "findings of conspiracy" on the basis of the prosecution's representations. He merely discharged his duty under the statute. To hold that the prosecution's representations so prejudiced the judge as to preclude a fair trial would render useless the statutory procedure of G.L. c. 233, §§ 13A-13D. Neither the judge's certificate nor the representations were ever seen by the jurors, who, of course, were the finders of fact.

As to the second point concerning the claimed denial of the Sixth Amendment right of confrontation, we are not certain what rights of cross-examination and of representation by counsel are claimed to have been lost. A proceeding to compel the attendance of a witness, even if it is an aid to a separate criminal proceeding, is not necessarily itself criminal in nature. *Epstein* v. *People of State of New York,* 157 So. 2d 705, 707 (D. Ct. App. Fla.), which held that a Florida proceeding under the Uniform Witness Act, based on the certificate of a New York judge, was not criminal and did not require an opportunity for cross-examination. Here, the worst that could happen as a result of the defendants' inability to cross-examine the prosecution during the requests for process was that a witness would be summoned who should not have been summoned. If such a witness testified against the defendants, he would be subject to cross-examination. We therefore find that the defendants were not deprived of any Sixth Amendment rights by the ex parte hearings on the prosecution's requests for process. Even if the Sixth Amendment did apply, the error, if any, would be harmless, as none of the out-of-State witnesses testified. Consequently the triers of fact were not

exposed to the prosecution's ex parte allegations. Cf. *Haller* v. *Robbins*, 409 F. 2d 857, 859 (1st Cir.), where a detrimental hearsay statement as to the conduct of the criminal defendant was made ex parte by a prosecutor to the sentencing judge.

14. Several defendants take exception to the judge's admission and exclusion of evidence. Beneficial argues that it was error to admit 2 statements read by Mr. Robert G. Miller at the Rate Board hearing. In the first statement Mr. Miller said that he was "an attorney . . . [from the] State of New Jersey, representing the Beneficial Finance Companies which do business in Massachusetts," and that "we acknowledge the form of notice sent to us, telling us of this hearing." In the second, he requested that the hearings be terminated. It is contended that there was no evidence that Mr. Miller was an agent of Beneficial, and that therefore his statements were not admissible against Beneficial. Aside from the fact that the Massachusetts business trusts owned by Beneficial do business as Beneficial Finance Company, there was testimony by Heath that in 1960 and 1961 Mr. Miller had been present at various State House hearings relative to the small loans industry; that Mr. Miller attended the 1962 meeting at the Chatham Bars Inn to discuss changes in the form of the annual report, which was prepared by Beneficial; and that on November 8, 1962, the day before the meeting in the Commissioner's office to study procedures for the rate hearing, Mr. Miller shared a room with Glynn in the Parker House, where they were met by Heath. Robert S. Leadbetter, the assistant supervisor of small loans agencies, also testified that Mr. Miller represented Beneficial at the Rate Board hearings in 1962. Mr. Miller could have been found to be an agent of Beneficial.

15. Liberty and Woodcock contend that the judge erred in admitting against them certain evidence as to the con-

versations and acts of others. The constitutional issue raised by these contentions has been fully discussed in the treatment of defendants' motions for severance, *supra*, 29, and need not again be considered here.

These defendants concede that acts and statements of co-conspirators made during the course of and in furtherance of a conspiracy are admissible on a conspiracy indictment. E.g., *Commonwealth* v. *Kiernan*, 348 Mass. 29, 59. Nevertheless, they argue, first, that there was insufficient evidence to link them with Glynn, Pratt, Heath, Hanley and Garfinkle as co-conspirators. The findings and rulings of the judge, amply supported by the evidence, were otherwise.

Liberty and Woodcock next urge that particular conversations of others were improperly admitted against them because they were not in furtherance of the conspiracy allegedly agreed to by Woodcock. Although the argument appears to be highly technical it is but superficially so. We have reviewed the evidence as to the various conversations, and find that in each case the evidence was probative, in context, and that there was a proper basis for its admission. The same applies to the evidence of Hanley's trip to Washington. "[I]t is not necessary that every piece of evidence admitted should be sufficient by itself to prove the crime. Evidence which would be colorless if it stood alone may get a new complexion from other facts which are proved, and in turn may corroborate the conclusion which would be drawn from the other facts." *Commonwealth* v. *Mulrey*, 170 Mass. 103, 110-111.

16. Liberty and Woodcock also argue that certain evidence offered by them was improperly excluded. The transcript reveals the evidence in 1 instance was immaterial and in another was hearsay properly objected to. There was no error. A third objection relates to proposed extension of cross-examination. "[I]t is settled that how far the cross-examination of a witness may be deemed helpful

and relevant to the issues being tried, as well as to what extent the accuracy, veracity or credibility of the witness may be tested, must be left largely to the sound discretion of the trial judge, and is not open to revision, unless it is shown that such discretion has been exercised in a way that results in the prejudice of a party to the cause by reason of either too narrow restriction or too great breadth of inquiry. *Jennings* v. *Rooney*, 183 Mass. 577, 579, and cases cited. *Gerber* v. *New York Central Railroad*, 288 Mass. 318, 321." *Commonwealth* v. *Beal*, 314 Mass. 210, 229. We are of opinion that there was no abuse of discretion.

17. Hanley asserts that there was error in his joinder for trial with the other defendants. On this point, we refer to our discussion on the question of severance in the pre-trial portion of this opinion, *supra*, 52. No further elaboration is required.

18. Household contends that it was error for the judge to make a preliminary ruling that Hanley, who was not mentioned in Indictment 11910, could be found to have been a co-conspirator in the conspiracy to bribe Garfinkle charged in that indictment. The defendants Barber and Pratt have adopted Household's argument. At the time of the judge's ruling, during the third month of the trial, Household moved for a mistrial "on the ground that in effect the Indictment 11,910 was being amended by adding the name of Hanley as a co-conspirator." This motion was denied and Household duly excepted.

We agree with Household that the "offense must not only be proved as charged, but it must be charged as proved." *Commonwealth* v. *Ancillo*, 350 Mass. 427, 430. The judge's ruling as to Hanley, however, did not amount to a fatal variance between the offence charged and the one proved because the indictment included as conspirators "divers other persons . . . unknown" in addition to those named. It is true that if "the persons alleged to be unknown

to the grand jury were actually known to them . . . there is a variance betweeen the allegation and the proof which vitiates the indictment." *Commonwealth* v. *Galvin*, 310 Mass. 733, 735. *Commonwealth* v. *Thornton*, 14 Gray 41, 42. *Commonwealth* v. *Merrick*, 255 Mass. 510, 513. Household has failed to convince us, however, that the grand jury were aware of Hanley's activities in connection with the conspiracy to bribe Garfinkle to as great an extent as the judge was when he made his ruling. Apparently Heath's testimony before the grand jury did not include certain facts with respect to Hanley which were part of his testimony at the trial and crucial to the judge's ruling. The grand jury might well have been able to conclude that others not known to them were involved in conspiracies other than those with which he was charged. In these circumstances, Household has not rebutted the presumption that the assertion in an indictment that certain persons are unknown to the grand jury is a true statement. *Commonwealth* v. *Galvin*, 310 Mass. 733, 735. We need not decide whether in the circumstances of the case before us, even if a variance were shown, it was one which prejudiced Household's defence sufficiently to call for acquittal under G. L. (Ter. Ed.) c. 277, § 35.

19. Objection is made by Household, Beneficial, Glynn, Farrell, Liberty and Woodcock to the judge's selective removal as to certain defendants of limitations on 48 items of evidence. Barber and Pratt have adopted Household's argument. This issue arose in the following manner. Pursuant to motions of the Commonwealth, the judge made preliminary rulings during the trial that Barber, Pratt, Household, Farrell, Glynn, Beneficial, Woodcock, Liberty and Heath could have been found to have conspired to bribe Hanley as charged in Indictment 11900, and that the same persons or corporations plus Hanley could have been found to have conspired to bribe Garfinkle as charged in Indict-

ment 11910. Simultaneously with the granting of these motions, the judge lifted limitations on 48 items of evidence to the extent requested by the Commonwealth, without admitting this evidence against all of the conspirators. This evidence had originally been admitted against only 1 of their number. Several defendants duly excepted to these rulings. Shortly thereafter, the judge informed the jury of the changes in limitations by describing to them the portions of evidence in question and stating on which indictments, or counts, and against which additional defendants each portion could be considered. This procedure was also excepted to. Several defendants, in addition, filed motions at this time for severance, or in the alternative, for a mistrial, which were denied by the judge. Finally, Household requested the judge to instruct the jury that if they were uncertain as to what evidence might be considered against a defendant, they must return a verdict of not guilty against that defendant. Household excepted to the failure of the judge to so instruct the jury.

Two grounds are offered to support the proposition that this expansion of the prior limitations on evidence was improper. The first focuses on the sheer number of limitations. It is claimed by Household, Beneficial, Liberty and Woodcock that the jury could not possibly have followed the judge's complex and intricate recital involving numerous items of evidence and a constantly changing array of defendants and counts and indictments. In addition, Household claims the only instruction it requested could have insured a proper jury verdict.

The procedure followed here of initially admitting evidence subject to limitations and subsequently broadening these limitations and so informing the jury is well established in our law. *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133. *Commonwealth* v. *Stasiun*, 349 Mass. 38, 50.

Commonwealth v. *French*, Mass. , .[d] Its use was not made improper by the fact that this case was large and complex. This was a feature of the case which the judge had to deal with as best he could; we can think of no simpler way he could have informed the jury of the necessarily complex pattern of suspensions of prior limitations on evidence than the 1 he chose.

Nor was the instruction requested by Household necessary to insure that a guilty verdict rested only on evidence which it was proper for the jury to consider. In his instructions the judge cautioned the jury at length that they must recall and apply all limitations on all the evidence, giving effect to the changes made during the trial by him. Implicit in these instructions was the admonition that if the jury could not remember the limitations on a given item of evidence they could not consider it. In fact, it is highly improbable that the jury could or did remember all the limitations on all the evidence, but to return a guilty verdict against a defendant it was necessary that they remember only the limitations on that part of the evidence which was critical to sustain a conviction against that defendant. These were emphasized by counsel for the defendants in their final arguments. There is no indication that the jury could not or did not comprehend the limitations. "We see no reason to depart from our rule that jurors are expected to follow instructions to disregard matters withdrawn from their consideration." *Commonwealth* v. *Eagan*, Mass. , ,[e] and cases cited. See *Fairmount Glass Works* v. *Cub Fork Coal Co.*, 287 U.S. 474, 485. The instruction requested by Household would have required the jury to perform an exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, task which was not necessary to the

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[d] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637-638.
[e] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 889, 892.

return of a verdict against a defendant based only on evidence admissible as to him or it.

The second ground for objection, raised by Beneficial, Glynn, Farrell, Liberty and Woodcock, is that, apart from their number, limitations were improperly expanded in 2 respects. First it is alleged that it was improper, under *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132, to admit evidence against some who could have been found to be co-conspirators but not all. There is nothing in the *Benesch* case, however, which requires that after a preliminary ruling of conspiracy, evidence originally admitted against 1 conspirator must be admitted against every other conspirator or not broadened at all. The defendants cannot complain that less evidence was broadened to apply to them than might properly have been. Nor have they introduced any indication that the selective broadening of evidence was intended to, or in fact resulted in, putting them in a worse position than other defendants who were subject to this procedure. In these circumstances we cannot say that the rule applied in the *Benesch* case precludes application of a rule allowing selective expansion as was here adopted by the judge. See *Commonwealth* v. *Kiernan*, 348 Mass. 29, 56-58.

The defendants also argue that the judge's alleged departure from the rule in the *Benesch* case impinges upon their Federal constitutional rights. Farrell and Glynn contend that "the substitution by the court of the arbitrary discretion of the prosecutor for the long-settled rule stated in *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch* deprived the defendants of a fair trial in violation of the Due Process Clause." The thrust of their contention is that the judge, in ruling on the defendants' motions to strike, abandoned his judicial responsibility to the prosecutor by allowing the prosecutor and the defendants to reach "mutual agreements" as to which evidence, theretofore admitted against a particular

defendant, should be struck.[67] The defendant Glynn, in particular, relies on the ruling of the judge that "in the absence of any such agreement this court will rule on the motions to strike on the basis of what it understands to be the rules of evidence relating to a trial of this kind." In his oral argument, Glynn's counsel referred to the above language as "shockingly cynical."

To the contrary, we deem the above ruling of the judge to be a clear exposition of the fact that he would exercise his judicial responsibility in applying the rules of evidence. The judge made this clear when he specifically ruled that "[t]his Court does not feel that it is bound or limited by the Commonwealth's statement of intent or of its 'rule of fairness'; and it does not consider anything which has occurred to this point as establishing a 'law of the case' requiring the striking of any evidence which is otherwise properly in the case." An examination of the transcript and the judge's rulings supports the foregoing disclaimer

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[67] In support of this contention, the defendants rely on the judge's ruling in the second trial where he stated: "Wherever the Commonwealth has specifically limited evidence which it offered, this Court has not attempted to enlarge the scope of application as thus limited. That has been true whether the limitation was stated when evidence was originally offered, or was stated when the Commonwealth sought to enlarge the applicability of evidence. This Court has in some instances denied, but never enlarged the scope of application requested by the Commonwealth. We are not faced with the question of what this Court should do with evidence which it has heretofore ruled to be admissible as to a particular Defendant, either when originally offered or when limitations were enlarged, and which the Defendant now seeks to strike on the basis of the so-called 'rule of fairness,' and over the objections of the Commonwealth. This Court does not feel that it is bound or limited by the Commonwealth's statement of intent or of its 'rule of fairness'; and it does not consider anything which has occurred to this point as establishing a 'law of the case' requiring the striking of any evidence which is otherwise properly in the case. This Court will consider mutual agreements, if any, for the striking of evidence heretofore admitted as to any particular Defendant. However, in the absence of any such agreement, this Court will rule on the Motions to Strike on the basis of what it understands to be the rules of evidence relating to a trial of this kind."

of judicial abdication to the prosecutor and reveals that the judge in actuality was extremely circumspect in admitting various items of evidence against the respective defendants and thereby minimized any possible prejudice.

Thus, Glynn's argument is reduced to the patently specious assertion that he was deprived of a fair trial because the prosecution did not offer and the judge did not admit all of the evidence against all of the defendants. It is beyond our comprehension how Glynn can claim prejudice from the fact that evidence which could only be damaging to his defence was not admitted against him. Indeed, it is apparent that the judge showed the greatest possible deference in protecting the defendants' rights by striking a balance between any conceivable harsh effect of admitting all of the evidence against all of the conspirators, regardless of the scope of their involvement in the conspiracy, and the totally impractical alternative of having 8 separate trials.

Glynn and Farrell further claim that certain other expansions of the evidence were improper because the portions in question were originally admitted against Hanley and Garfinkle, "who ... [were] not connected by finding or ruling with" the counts and indictments as to which the portions of evidence were expanded. The fact that these expansions were not based on the preliminary rulings of conspiracy does not, however, mean they were improper. As we have previously noted, the indictments in the first grouping were converse indictments, some charging those who gave the 1962 bribes and others charging those who accepted them. The same evidence, therefore, seen in the light of other evidence later admitted, might well have been relevant and proper in connection with both types of indictments, although it was only originally admitted in connection with 1.

With respect to the foregoing point, Beneficial also makes, apparently *for the first time,* the very peremptory

argument that this procedure denied it the opportunity of cross-examination and therefore violated its right of confrontation. The Commonwealth asserts that the defendants failed to save adequate exceptions on this point and that it cannot now be considered by us. *Commonwealth* v. *Myers*, 356 Mass. 343, 346. *Commonwealth* v. *Foley*, Mass. ,

.[1] It is unclear whether the basis for this argument was adequately identified and exceptions saved. In any event, the transparent sophistry of this argument is illustrated by the fact that the defendants were well aware during the course of the trial that the judge could have admitted all of the evidence against all of them. Therefore their opportunity to cross-examine was in no way undermined by the fact that the judge chose not to admit certain evidence against certain defendants. Moreover, it was within the power of the defendants to request that witnesses be subject to recall. There was no error.

20. All of the defendants have appealed from the denial of their motions for a new trial. These motions were filed after the start of the second trial and were based on material made available to them by the prosecution during that trial. The defendants contend that portions of this material were relevant to their defence in the first trial and that it should have been made available to them at that time, since this material was then in possession of the prosecution. The judge held a hearing for 3 days on the various allegations contained in the several motions, and disposed of them together in a comprehensive decision.

The objections of the defendants fall into 3 different categories. We deal with each one separately, designating for each the defendants who rely on it and the rulings of the judge relating thereto.

Household's objection is directed at the expense vouchers (see pp. 67-70) of the witness Heath for each week from the

[1]Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 1363, 1365.

week ending September 8, 1962, through the one ending October 20, 1962. The defendants Barber, Pratt, Liberty and Woodcock have adopted Household's argument relating to these vouchers. It is contended by Household that the vouchers would have been valuable in impeaching part of Heath's testimony. Heath testified extensively about a luncheon meeting he had with Glynn and Pratt in Boston at Purcell's restaurant, "within a week or one or two days prior to October 17 [, 1962]." During this meeting the possibility of bribery in connection with the 1962 Rate Board hearings was first discussed.[68] The vouchers, however, cover every business day on which Heath was in Boston during this period and include an entry for every lunch time showing that Heath was entertaining guests other than Pratt and Glynn. Since the judge's instructions permitted the jury to find Household guilty if they found Pratt guilty, Household claims that the vouchers were sufficiently important to its defence that their nondisclosure by the prosecution calls for a new trial, regardless of the good or bad motives of the prosecution in not disclosing them.

The judge, in rejecting this argument, noted first that the vouchers were not as significant as the defendants claim. "The expense vouchers were not complete records of Heath's daily activities, but only records of expenditures for which he sought reimbursement from his employer.... [T]he absence of any entry for a luncheon at Purcell's Restaurant, or for any similar occasion or meeting, is not evidence that such luncheon or meeting did not occur. It may be evidence that Heath incurred no reimbursable expense for such a meeting, but it does not prove that the meeting did not take place." Among the judge's other findings relevant to this issue are the following: (1) "The

[68] In view of our disposition of the objection raised, we need not deal with the issue whether the defendants Liberty and Woodcock have standing to raise it. The testimony of Heath regarding the Purcell's meeting was not admitted against these defendants.

total volume of records, documents and material turned over to the Attorney General by the Commission amounted to the equivalent of the contents of about twenty-four (24) ordinary file drawers," not all of it germane to the indictments in the first grouping. (2) "Prior to and during the trial, the Prosecutor caused copies to be made of a large volume of records, documents and material in his possession and which he thought might relate to the indictments on trial; he seasonably furnished the defendants with such copies.... In this connection the Prosecutor or persons acting for and under him made a reasonable and diligent search and examination of all the material in the Commonwealth's possession. The Commonwealth seasonably delivered to the defendants either the originals or copies of all the material in its possession which the Prosecutor thought related to the indictments on trial and which he thought the defendants were entitled to receive." (3) "[The disclosure by the Commonwealth] was probably the most full and complete disclosure ever made in the trial of a criminal case in this Court." On these facts the judge concluded that "[t]he Commonwealth acted with full and complete reasonableness, diligence, and good faith in considering and deciding what material it was required to make available to the defendants in connection with said trial... [and] did not consciously, knowingly, intentionally, or otherwise suppress or withhold from the defendants any material which the defendants were entitled to see or receive in connection with said trial."

The judge's findings are supported by the evidence and his conclusions are not inconsistent with the Federal Constitutional principle that "the suppression by the prosecution of evidence favorable to an accused... violates due process where the evidence is material either to guilt or to punishment, irrespective of the good faith or bad faith of the prosecution." *Brady* v. *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 87. The

Supreme Court of the United States has to date refused to decide "whether the prosecution's constitutional duty to disclose extends to all evidence admissible and useful to the defense, and the degree of prejudice which must be shown to make necessary a new trial." *Giles* v. *Maryland*, 386 U.S. 66, 74. The *Giles* case, in fact, the court's most recent decision on the prosecution's duty to disclose, was decided by a 5 to 4 court and failed to produce even a majority opinion, despite the Court's avoidance of the broad questions presented to it. In this unsettled state of the law, we conclude that the prosecutor's duty to disclose must be measured by the directness of the materiality of the item of evidence in question to the defence taken together with the sheer volume of all the evidence in the hands of the prosecution. It is clear that the greater the body of evidence, the less feasible it is for the prosecutor to weigh each item deliberately and at length for its possible usefulness to the defendant in response to a general request by the defendant for disclosure of whatever the prosecution might have that might be useful. In such circumstances, the Federal Constitution does not require a new trial on the ground that the prosecutor's decision with respect to a marginally useful item of evidence was not what it might have been under ideal conditions. We can only expect and require under the due process clause "essential fairness of ... procedure" (*Barbee* v. *Warden, Maryland Penitentiary*, 331 F. 2d 842, 846 [4th Cir.]) and good faith, not perfection.

The significance of the vouchers to the defence here, and the volume of evidence which the prosecution possessed in this case, are both sufficiently distinct from the comparable facts in the Supreme Court of the United States cases from 1935 requiring disclosure, to warrant a different result. The crimes involved in those cases were less complex (e.g. murder and rape-murder) and the evidence considerably less voluminous. Furthermore, in those cases the cardinal

importance of the undisclosed facts to the defence was clear; in some the prosecution had acted questionably or in outright bad faith in concealing them. *Brady* v. *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83. *Miller* v. *Pate*, 386 U.S. 1. *Mooney* v. *Holohan*, 294 U.S. 103. *Alcorta* v. *Texas*, 355 U.S. 28. *Napue* v. *Illinois*, 360 U.S. 264. See *Giles* v. *Maryland*, 386 U.S. 66.

Household stresses Mr. Travers's testimony that he made "a conscious, intentional decision not to produce this evidence" and that the vouchers were not therefore overlooked by the prosecution in deciding what to disclose. Household does not charge misconduct on the part of the prosecution in deciding not to produce the vouchers, but contends rather "that Mr. Travers improperly allocated to himself the functions of the court in determining their producibility and the functions of defense counsel in determining their usefulness." However, this argument ignores the fact that Mr. Travers had 24 file drawers full of materials relating to the indictments returned in February and May, 1964. It was necessary for him, therefore, to decide with respect to all the evidence he had whether he should make any given item available to the defendants, and this decision, of necessity, had to be based on the relevance and possible usefulness of the evidence to the defendants. Far from usurping a function which was not his, Mr. Travers was simply performing a necessary preliminary step to disclosure. Even Household does not suggest that he should automatically have handed over all 24 file drawers. Nor do we feel, even in the light of hindsight, that the vouchers would have been of sufficient importance to Household in its defence as to require a new trial because Mr. Travers exercised his judgment in the way he did.

The Defendants Glynn and Farrell, in an argument adopted by Beneficial and Hanley, claim that Heath's vouchers for the period from June 1, 1962 to September 30,

1962, should have been made available to them. In an argument similar to Household's, they claim that the vouchers, covering every business day during the summer of 1962, would have been useful in impeaching Heath's testimony that 3 incriminating meetings involving himself, Glynn, and Hanley took place during that summer. Unlike Household, Glynn and Farrell allege in addition that the prosecution knowingly and in bad faith suppressed this evidence, pursuant to a "deal" with Heath that the vouchers would not be used at any trial. The judge found that no such deal was made and this finding was not clearly erroneous. Their argument thus stands on the same footing as Household's. We reject it for the same reasons that we rejected Household's, weighing on the 1 hand the less than crucial importance of the vouchers, discussed at some length by the judge, and on the other the quantity of evidence in the hands of the prosecution.

Liberty and Woodcock object to the nondisclosure of 2 portions of Heath's grand jury testimony which it is alleged "would have materially affected his credibility" and to an alleged misrepresentation by the Commonwealth of "the consequences of cross-examining Heath on a portion of his grand jury testimony supplied only to these defendants." The first portion of Heath's grand jury testimony which it is alleged should have been produced at the first trial is his testimony on December 17, 1965, the last day Heath appeared before a grand jury before the start of the first trial, 7 months later. It is alleged that this testimony was significant because "[i]n that testimony . . . [Heath] did not even name Woodcock as being among those present at the all-important Commodore [Hotel] meeting, much less have him say anything." It should be remembered, however, that Heath testified at great length and over a considerable period of time beginning in January, 1964. The judge found that "[n]either the defendants nor this Court

can expect that on every date and on every page of the transcript of every statement made by the witness Heath, or by any other witness, the witness will give and repeat the aggregate of all of his testimony on any particular issue, event, occurrence, or case." At other times before the special grand jury which returned these indictments Heath specifically placed Woodcock at the meeting. In addition, it was brought out on cross-examination of Heath at the trial that about 3 years before he had not been sure whether Woodcock was present at the meeting. Thus, this evidence would have added little, if anything, to that which was already before the trial jury tending to cast doubt on the reliability of Heath's memory. Plainly, at any rate, this evidence was not material.

The second portion of Heath's grand jury testimony which it is alleged was material to Liberty's and Woodcock's defence was a statement by Heath that he felt that Woodcock was trying to blackmail him in 1957. Liberty and Woodcock claim that this statement could have been used by them to impeach Heath's testimony at the trial that the defendants were his friends and that in particular he was "on cordial terms with all of the [Liberty] personnel in my area." However, the judge noted, "[Heath] did not claim or testify that all the defendants were his friends at the time he was testifying. If they were no longer friends at the time of trial, the reason is understandable. Neither did he specify when they *were* all his friends. Indeed, an examination of the entire transcript of his testimony at this trial indicates that he had worked with Woodcock for the same employer for a number of years before Woodcock left to go with Liberty, and that they were good friends 'over a period of years.' That is not inconsistent with Heath's Grand Jury testimony about the 'blackmail' conversation with Woodcock. Further, between the date of that conversation and the time of trial in this

case, nine years had elapsed, and there was much evidence of friendship between Heath and Woodcock during the intervening period." With respect to Heath's remark about the Liberty personnel in his area, the judge noted, "Woodcock was Liberty's Executive Vice-President at Liberty's home office in Missouri, and was not at any time part of the Liberty personnel in Heath's area." Therefore, to the extent this evidence could in fact have been used to impeach Heath on a matter which was not crucial to the indictments on trial, it would have been of only minor importance.

Finally, Liberty and Woodcock allege that the prosecution improperly deterred defence counsel from cross-examining Heath with respect to his grand jury testimony that at the Commodore Hotel meeting Woodcock refused to pay any money to Hanley. This portion of Heath's grand jury testimony was made available in the first trial to Liberty and Woodcock only. The defendants did not bring up this exculpatory prior testimony on cross-examination of Heath, however, because they were warned by the Commonwealth that if they did "it would result in the introduction of evidence of another crime." Thinking that the other criminality referred to was that with which Liberty and Woodcock were charged in indictment 11908, yet to be tried, counsel decided not to inquire further. At the second trial, during which Heath's grand jury testimony with respect to indictment 11908 was first made available, it developed that Woodcock had made no statements incriminating him in connection with that indictment at the Commodore Hotel meeting. The criminality of the prosecution was referring, according to Mr. Travers's testimony on the defendants' motions for a new trial, was a third conspiracy, called the "legislative program," for which some defendants but not Liberty and Woodcock were indicted.

The defendants allege that the prosecution's statement was a conscious misrepresentation requiring a new trial.

We disagree. As the judge noted, the statement of the prosecution was "perfectly correct, proper, and truthful" as it stood. The prosecution is not responsible for whatever interpretation may be made by defense counsel. We agree also with the judge that "[t]hese defendants were represented by able and experienced counsel who were free to weigh the statement and make their own decisions thereon, and they did so. They were free to continue cross-examination or not, as they saw fit. If they decided not to cross-examine further on any point, it was not because of any misrepresentation by the Commonwealth. It is not necessary for the Court or anyone else to indulge in the idle luxury of hindsight and thereby speculate whether the decision of counsel on matters of trial strategy was correct or not."

21. The final issue we treat with in the first trial relates to the sufficiency of the evidence to allow the substantive indictments (offering bribes to Hanley and Garfinkle) to go to the jury. Pratt, Barber, Woodcock, Liberty, Beneficial and Household raised this point through motions for directed verdicts. Beneficial raises this question on appeal in conjunction with its argument as to the sufficiency of the evidence on the conspiracy indictment. Household raises it in connection with its attack on the judge's charge. Barber, Pratt and Household also challenge the admission of certain evidence admitted against it under the substantive indictment.

It is true, of course, that proof of a conspiracy, without more, does not justify a finding that a conspirator has committed the offence which is the object of the conspiracy. *Commonwealth* v. *Stasium*, 349 Mass. 38, 47. We assume it is also established that to convict a defendant as a principal his scope of activity must surpass that of mere acquiescence and reach that of active participa-

tion. Cf. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. - ,[g] (conviction of a conspirator as an accessory before the fact upheld), and cases cited.

The evidence we have previously recounted with respect to each of the corporate and individual defendants demonstrates that each of them actively participated in the offer to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle. Without reviewing this evidence again, suffice it to say that it shows that the defendants specifically delegated to one of the co-conspirators, namely Barber, the authority to offer a bribe to Hanley. One may be convicted as a principal where he delegates to an agent the authority to do the act. See *Commonwealth* v. *Dolan*, 304 Mass. 325, 339. We have previously discussed at length the question of an agent's authority to bind his corporation. We do not repeat it here. The judge properly admitted evidence of statements by Farrell, Glynn and Heath against Barber, Pratt and Household. There was no error in the denial of the defendants' motions for directed verdicts.

PART III.

The Second Trial

A. *THE EVIDENCE*

In the opening statement of this opinion we explained that the evidence in the first trial centered around 1 particular event — the payment of bribe money to "fix" the 1962 rate hearings, whereas the evidence in the second trial covers a 7 year period during which Hanley was continuously paid money to bestow various favors upon the small loans companies.

Stated in its aspect most favorable to the Commonwealth,[69] this evidence is summarized as follows:[70] During

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[g] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 649-650.

[69] A diligent examination of the transcript reveals that many of the facts set out in the Commonwealth's brief are accurately stated and therefore we have adopted portions therefrom.

[70] The same method for designating limitations on evidence and subsequent admissions as was used in reciting the facts in the first

the period covered by these indictments (1957-1963) different statutory limitations were imposed upon the making of "small loans." Before 1956, the law required that any person engaging in the business of making loans of $300 or less had first to obtain a license from the Commissioner of Banks. G.L. c. 140, § 96 (as amended through St. 1941, c. 158, § 1). In 1956 this statute was amended to apply to loans of $1,500 or less, and as we have seen, the limitation was extended to cover loans of $3,000 or less in 1962.

The Commissioner of Banks also had the power to establish regulations governing the granting of "small loans" licenses and the business conducted by the licensees. Licenses are granted for a 1 year period and at least once during the year the affairs of the licensees must be investigated. G.L. c. 140, § 97. All licensees must make a return to the Commissioner showing a trial balance of the books of the licensee "with such other information as may be called for by the commissioner in accordance with a blank form to be furnished by him." G.L. c. 140, § 98. In order to assist him in carrying out these statutory functions, the Commissioner of Banks also has the power to appoint a deputy as supervisor of loan agencies. Hanley was appointed supervisor of loan agencies in February, 1950, and remained in this position at all times material to this case.

On October 1, 1953, comprehensive regulations governing the small loans business became effective. These regulations established a license fee of $200 and specified the form of license application. The regulations state that "[t]he total amount to be paid on any loans for interest and expenses shall not, in the aggregate, exceed an amount equivalent to 2% a month for a period terminating not

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trial is used here. The following symbols refer to the defendants in this trial: H = Household; B = Beneficial; L = Local; G = Glynn; F = Farrell; N = Newhall; P = Pratt; Br = Barber; Hly = Hanley.

later than one year after maturity, and to 6% per annum after the termination of said year, on the amount actually received by the borrower, computed on the unpaid balance."

The regulations vest substantial powers in the office of the supervisor to superintend the small loans industry. They provide that "[n]o change in the location of a licensed business shall take place without the prior written approval of the supervisor," and require that notice of changes of office managers be filed with the supervisor. In addition "[a]ll forms used in connection with the making and recording of loans . . . must have the prior approval of the supervisor." On or before November 1 of each year licensees are required to file an annual report "on a form furnished by the supervisor." Advertising material of the licensees was also regulated and ordinarily decided upon by the supervisor. In 1960, these regulations were amended. The amendments followed a number of meetings and public hearings held during the year 1960, and were preceded by temporary revisions.[71]

The division of loan agencies, of which Hanley was the supervisor, also had as its general responsibility the examination of licensees, the enforcement of consumer credit laws and regulations, and the general protection of the borrowing public. Within the division, the supervisor decided whether an applicant would be licensed and approval by the Commissioner of this decision was generally routine. The examinations of licensees by the division were conducted once a year by 26 examiners. An examiner was required to visit each of the licensed loan offices to check for overcharges or any violations of the law or the regulations.

During the years involved in these indictments there

[71] H, L, B, G. This limitation applies only to material in the sentence footnoted.

were approximately 325 licensed lending offices in the Commonwealth. About 70% of these offices were so called "chain offices" — offices controlled by the same individual or company. The principal chain companies were, Beneficial, Household and Public, which were known as "The Big 3," plus Seaboard Finance, Liberty Loan, and Local Finance Corporation. "The Big 3" had approximately 138 offices, of which Beneficial had 58 and Household and Public about 40 each.

At this point, we believe it helpful to identify the individual and corporate defendants as well as other companies and persons involved in the second trial.

During the period in question, Farrell, Glynn and Newhall were employed by Beneficial Management — the wholly owned subsidiary of Beneficial.[72] Farrell was a vice-president and director of Beneficial Management and head of the company's "public relations department."[73] In December, 1956, the defendant Newhall became regional director for public relations of Beneficial Management. His region included Massachusetts. He continued in these duties until the early part of 1958.[74] At that time, he was replaced as regional director for public relations in the Massachusetts region by the defendant Glynn, who was actually appointed in February, 1957.[75]

From 1957 through September of 1962, one Marlin E. Lerch was eastern director of public relations for Household.[76] In September or October of 1962, the defendant Barber replaced Lerch. Prior to that time Barber had been a regional director of public relations with respons-

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[72] Evidence concerning Beneficial Management's affiliation with Beneficial we described at length in the first trial opinion and we do not repeat it here.

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[76] Lerch was indicted but not tried.

ibility for Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania and Maryland.[77] From 1957 through December, 1958, Warren Engle did public relations work in Massachusetts for Household.[78] In September or October of 1959 Pratt became Household's public relations representative with responsibility for the 6 New England States. He remained in this position until approximately October of 1963. In 1962, Barber succeeded Lerch as Pratt's superior.[79]

Local owned, during the years 1957 through 1963, approximately 14 subsidiaries which were licensed to engage in the consumer loan business in the Commonwealth. From 1957 through 1962, one John McHenry, Sr., was the president of Local and the man who "ran the corporation."[80] He was in charge of its business and was responsible for public relations and trade associations. It was also his responsibility to deal with public officials. During the early part of this period one Michael E. Sands was assistant treasurer and chief auditor of Local.[81]

American Investment Company of Illinois, a holding company, operated a number of subsidiaries which were Massachusetts small loans licensees doing business under the name of Public Finance Company. Heath, who was 1 of the Commonwealth's principal witnesses, became an executive supervisor of the Boston division of American in 1949. In 1952 he became a vice-president. Heath held these positions until January, 1958. From about 1953, Heath had also been performing public relations in Massachusetts which included maintaining contact with Massachusetts supervisory officials. On January 8, 1958, Heath became regional director of industry relations for American. His duties in this position covered all of the New

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[80] McHenry died before the start of the trial.
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England States except Vermont. His immediate supervisor was one J. Miller Redfield, a vice-president of American, who was in charge of the industry relations department. Heath's duties involved maintaining good relations with members of the industry representing other companies, as well as dealing with legislative and supervisory officials. In connection with these duties Heath met with Hanley about 3 times a week, both socially and on business.[82]

Another important witness for the Commonwealth was one Louis Schwartz. Schwartz was president and trustee of Community Finance Company (Community) during the years here involved. Community was a Massachusetts trust that wholly owned a subsidiary corporation, Coleman Finance Company (Coleman). Coleman held 3 Massachusetts small loans licenses during the years 1957 through the fall of 1963. Schwartz made the policies of Coleman at all times material to this case.

Other individuals involved in the evidence in this trial are Woodcock of Liberty and one Calvert Bean, a high executive of Preferred Finance and State Loan and Finance Corporation.

In 1957, the Rate Board held rate hearings.[83] These hearings were held in the fall.[84] In December of 1956, or January, 1957, Schwartz was appointed chairman of a special committee of the Massachusetts Consumer Finance Association, an industry trade association, which was gathering statistics for the forthcoming rate hearing. The purpose of the committee was to contact all licensed companies, to advise them of the statistics which the committee was collecting, to present the licensed companies with forms to put the statistics on, and to send that in-

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[83] H, B, L, N, G
[84] L, N, Hly

formation to Haskins and Sells, certified public accountants.[85]

Beneficial was a member of the Massachusetts Consumer Finance Association from 1957 through 1960. Newhall represented Beneficial on the Executive Committee of this Association from 1957 through early 1958, at which time he was replaced by Glynn.[86] Household was a member of the association during 1957 and part of 1958. Household was represented on the executive committee by Lerch and Engle. Lerch was Engle's supervisor.[87] Local was represented on the executive committee of the Association by McHenry, its president, and was a member from 1957 through 1961.[88] Other members included Merchants Acceptance Corporation (MAC) represented by one Charles McDermott, Jr., its president.

Schwartz testified that he saw Hanley 3 times concerning the work of this special committee. On 1 of these occasions, about June 15, 1957, Schwartz ate lunch with Hanley and Heath at the Parker House in Boston. At the beginning of this lunch, the 3 of them were discussing rates in general when Hanley said to Heath: "Unless they dig up $50,000 before the Regulatory Hearing — They'd better dig up $50,000 before the Regulatory Hearing, or else." Hanley then said "that he could present a convincing case for a rate of 1.59 percent per month." Schwartz said that "this was an impossible rate and that . . . [he] would liquidate if we had such a rate." Heath said to Hanley: "You're crazy. They can never raise that kind of cash." Hanley responded: "Well, I might be willing to take $25,000 a year, spread over instalments for two years."[89]

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In his testimony Heath corroborated this incident. He testified that Hanley "pointed out what an important role he would play in the fixing of any rate by the Rate Board. He pointed out the statistics in his office would show that a small independent company . . . had shown conclusively over the years that they could operate at a rate of 1-1/2 per cent per month." Hanley also stated that "one of the largest finance companies in the nation had been successfully operating over a period of years above the licensed small loan limit at a rate of 1-1/2% a month." Hanley further said "it would not be too difficult to prove to the Rate Board that if one company could do it, the other companies could do it." Replying to Hanley, Heath said, "I am not a statistician, but I doubt very much if my company can successfully operate in the State of Massachusetts at a rate of 1-1/2% per month." Heath related that Schwartz told Hanley that "even if the big chains could operate at a figure of 1-1/2% a month, it would be the death knell of the small independent operator such as he, and he would in substance have to go out of business." Heath testified that Hanley then responded to Schwartz that "upon payment of the sum of $50,000, he felt that the Rate Board would bring out a rate that would be easy to live with for the industry." Heath and Schwartz then declared that the industry could not "raise that kind of money," and Hanley indicated he might accept $25,000 over 2 years.[90]

Shortly after this luncheon meeting, Heath reported it to his superior, Redfield,[91] American's vice-president, and the man in charge of its industry relations department.

Schwartz testified that a day or 2 after the meeting with Heath and Hanley, he received a telephone call from Newhall[92] who was then Beneficial's Regional Director for

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[90] L. N. Hly (B, G)
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Public Relations.[93] Newhall asked Schwartz to come to Newark, New Jersey, the following day to attend a meeting concerning the gathering of statistics for the Rate Board hearings. Schwartz said that he would be there.[94]

The following morning Schwartz flew from Boston to Newark. He took a cab to the offices of Haskins & Sells, and went to the room where the conference was being held. He entered and found about 20 people in the room, sitting around a conference table. As Schwartz entered the room, Newhall said, "Mr. Schwartz of the Coleman Finance, Boston," and pointed to an empty seat. About an hour after Schwartz arrived Newhall stood up and said to Schwartz, "I understand you had luncheon with Mr. Hanley yesterday." Schwartz said, "Yes." Newhall asked, "[d]id he say anything about a rate?" Schwartz said, "Yes." Newhall asked, "[w]hat was it?" Schwartz told Newhall that "Mr. Hanley had suggested a rate of 1.59, and I wasn't sure whether it was 1.59 or 1.69 percent per month."[95]

Later that afternoon, after having had lunch in the same building in which the conference took place, Newhall approached Schwartz and said, "Louis, stay behind for a few minutes. We're going to have a private meeting of some of the men who come to Boston." Schwartz said, "Okay." Newhall then left the room leaving Schwartz alone. A few minutes later Newhall returned with Lerch of Household, Redfield of American and a representative of Family Finance Corporation (Family). Lerch and Redfield had not been present at the original meeting, but had been present at lunch. Newhall approached Schwartz and said, "Louis, I understand that Mr. Hanley, in addition to mentioning the rate, said that he was looking for $50,000

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and would take it in two instalments of $25,000 each, spread over two years." Schwartz said, "[t]hat's right." Newhall, Lerch, Redfield and the man from Family then went to the other side of the room, where they had an animated discussion lasting about 5 or 10 minutes. At the end of their discussion Newhall walked over to Schwartz and said, "[w]e'll work something out." After this conversation everyone went back to the conference room. The meeting continued until about 4 P.M., when it broke up, and Schwartz returned to Boston.[96]

The following morning, while in his office, Schwartz received a telephone call from Hanley.[97] Hanley told Schwartz that he understood that Schwartz "had been in Newark the day before and that they said that they would work something out for" him. He asked whether Schwartz knew what they were going to work out and Schwartz said he did not.[98]

About 2 or 3 days later Schwartz was at his office when he received a telephone call from Newhall. Newhall said, in substance, "that he was working on that matter and was making some progress and that . . . [Schwartz's] assessment was to be $2,000, payable in instalments over two years." Schwartz said, "I don't know why I should get involved in a matter that was a problem for the big chains to straighten out." Newhall then told Schwartz, in substance, that, "[w]e have got to get the ball rolling because the hearing is taking place in September, and I believe that I will be able to take care of the matter without your help, and you can drop out of it." Schwartz said, "O.K."[99]

Two weeks later Schwartz received another call from Newhall. Newhall said that he was on his way down from

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[99] N (B, G)

Maine, and asked whether Schwartz would be in his office. Schwartz said, "Yes." Newhall then said, "I will drop in to see you within an hour."[100]

About an hour later Newhall arrived at Schwartz's office. Schwartz was seated behind his desk. Newhall told Schwartz that he had "brought an envelope down for Mr. Hanley." He handed Schwartz the envelope, and just as Schwartz was about to put the envelope in his desk Newhall said, "Louie, you'd better count it because, if it's short, I will be responsible for it." Schwartz counted it. It was $2,000 in either hundreds or fifties. Schwartz said it was correct, and put it in his desk. Newhall then mentioned that Schwartz's office was conveniently located in Boston, and asked whether Schwartz would have any objection "if Charlie MacDermott and Jack McHenry, Sr., dropped an envelope off." Schwartz replied that he had no objections. Newhall also mentioned that "the assessment was to be paid in equal — in instalments over a period of two years, to coincide roughly with the income tax period, and that the first payment was to be in two instalments." Newhall stayed for a total of about 15 minutes and after he left, Schwartz put the envelope in his private safe.[101]

The following day Schwartz received a telephone call from McHenry who asked whether Schwartz would be in. Schwartz replied that he would be. About 10 minutes later McHenry arrived at Schwartz's office. McHenry handed Schwartz an envelope and said, "[t]his is for Martin." The envelope felt as if there were several pieces of paper in it. McHenry then said, "Louis, I put your telephone number on the envelope. Will you please erase it?" Schwartz erased the telephone number, and put the en-

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[100] N (B, G)

[101] N (B, N, G) MacDermott was president of Merchants Acceptance Corporation, or "MAC". McHenry was president of Local.

velope in his desk drawer. After McHenry left, Schwartz put the envelope in his private safe.[102]

The following day, while Schwartz was in his office, he received a telephone call from Hanley, about 10:30 A.M. This was sometime in July of 1957. Hanley said, "I understand that you have something for me." Schwartz replied that he did and Hanley suggested that they have lunch. But an hour later Hanley again called and said that he was going to be "tied up" and that he would call Schwartz later that day at Schwartz's home. Before Schwartz left his office he went to his private safe and removed 3 envelopes. He added an envelope of his own containing $500 in large bills.[103] About 4 P.M. that afternoon Schwartz received a telephone call at his home from Hanley who asked, "[i]s it all right to come over to the house?" Schwartz replied, "Yes." About 15 or 20 minutes later Hanley drove up to Schwartz's home, entered and went into the library. Schwartz was alone in the house and handed the envelopes to Hanley who left immediately.[104]

During the year 1958, Schwartz made approximately 4 more payments to Hanley. All of these payments were made in the men's room of the Parker House Grille and each was in the amount of $250. They were made in quarterly instalments on or about March 15, 1958,[105] June 15, 1958,[106] September 30, 1958,[107] and December 15, 1958.[108] Thus Schwartz paid Hanley, on behalf of Coleman, a total of $1,000 during 1958.

Near the end of 1958, Schwartz received a call from Glynn who asked him if he had seen Hanley lately.

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[105] L, N, Hly 10272 (B, G)
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[107] L, Hly 11993 and counts 5 and 6 of 10272 (B, N, G)
[108] L, N, Hly counts 7 and 8 of 10272 (B, G)

Schwartz said, "[n]o, I haven't seen him for about six months." Glynn responded, "Baloney! I saw Martin a few days ago, and he said you are the only one who paid his instalment or assessment on time." [109]

Heath testified that he paid Hanley a total of about $2,000 on behalf of American as its proportionate share during 1958. Cash payments of about $500 were made quarterly on or about March 15, 1958, June 15, 1958, September 15, 1958, and December 15, 1958.[110]

Heath also testified that in the summer of 1958 he attended a meeting in Hanley's office concerning schedule O of the annual report form for small loans licensees (delinquency schedule). Representatives of other companies in the industry were also present. The persons present included McHenry of Local, Glynn, regional public relations director for the Beneficial companies, Engle, who did public relations work in Massachusetts for Household, and others.[111] From time to time Edward Counihan, the Commissioner of Banks, was present. The industry representatives sought changes in schedule O. Hanley stated, in substance, that he had "no intention of backing off on Schedule O." He stated that he had an early appointment, and did not have time to discuss other matters which the industry was trying to bring into the meeting.[112] Just after this meeting, when only Heath and Hanley were present, Heath had another conversation with Hanley regarding schedule O. Heath said, in substance, "Schedule O would incur considerable expense on the part of American Investment Company." Hanley responded that he "would be willing to back off on Schedule O if the annual arrange-

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[110] L, N (B, G)
[111] L, Hly 10272, 11993
[112] L, G, Hly 10272, 11993

ment, which he stated in substance was nine months overdue, was taken care of." [113]

In the fall of 1958, Heath, Hanley, Glynn, Engle and 2 other persons went on a duck hunting trip to Canada. The idea for the trip originated with Hanley. The group first went to the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec and stayed overnight. The next day they went to the Isle de Grues in the St. Lawrence, about 100 or 150 miles from Quebec. They stayed on the island for 4 days, shooting geese or ducks. Glynn, Engle and Heath stopped at Valle's Restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. There they had an accounting of the various expenditures of the trip, so that the 3 of them shared equally. The total amount involved was somewhere between $1,500 and $1,800.[114]

In the early part of 1959, Heath spoke to Hanley concerning the scheduling of payments. Hanley objected to payments 4 times a year and wanted them paid twice a year — on March 15 and September 15. Heath reported this conversation to his superior, Redfield.[115]

Around March 15, 1959, Heath paid Hanley about $500 in hundred dollar bills.[116] On approximately the same date Schwartz gave Hanley $250 in the Parker House men's room.[117] Schwartz gave him an additional $250 in the same place between June 15 and June 30, 1959.[118]

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[113] Hly 10272, 11993. Exhibit 168 (admitted for purpose of showing whether Heath, Redfield and American were conspirators—admitted against B, G, L, N [II 111 tr. 6353]) is a letter to Redfield in which Heath describes the above events and adds that "I presume that it is possible that you have information of a different nature from some other source but from where I sit . . . Schedule O is definitely linked with the annual arrangement." Heath notes, in the course of exhibit 168, that "[i]n the Commissioner's presence . . . [Hanley] made the reference to his favorite parable: 'What have you done for me lately?' "

[114] G, Hly all indictments except 10272, 11993, 11968 (B)

[115] Hly (B, L, G)

[116] L (B, G)

[117] L, Hly counts 9 and 10 of 10272 (B, G)

[118] L, Hly counts 11 and 12 of 10272 (B, G)

Schwartz testified that during 1958 or early 1959, he had a telephone conversation with McHenry about the Hanley payments. McHenry said, "I am going out of town. I may be gone for ten days, possibly two weeks, and there is an instalment due Mr. Hanley. He raised the roof when I was late the last time and made an awful smell about it. Would it be all right if I send a payment up to your office with Mike Sands?" Schwartz just said, "O.K." That same day Sands, an employee of Local, arrived at Schwartz's office and handed him a sealed envelope. Schwartz put the envelope in his desk. A few minutes later, after Sands left, Schwartz put it in his private safe. A day or 2 after that Schwartz took the envelope out, added it to 1 of his own, and delivered both to Hanley. This took place in the Parker House men's room, on 1 of the occasions already described above.[119] Sands's testimony corroborated this incident.[120]

In late 1959, Heath, in a conversation with Glynn, told him about a suggestion made by Bean of State Loan and Finance that "he [Bean] and others in the industry might want to come into the present annual program, because those that were not in would have more difficulty, in his opinion, than those that were." Glynn told Heath that he was already aware of Bean's suggestion, having heard of it from his home office.[121]

In late 1959, or early 1960, Heath had another conversation with persons in the industry regarding Bean's suggestion. This took place in New York City in a function room at either the Roosevelt or the Commodore Hotel. A number of people were present, including Heath's superior, Redfield. Other persons present included Farrell and

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[119] L, Hly 11993 and counts 5 and 6 of 10272 (B, N, G)
[120] L (B)
[121] G (B)

Glynn and Lerch.[122] The persons at the meeting were sitting around a table, in close proximity to each other. Several subjects were discussed at this meeting. One of these related to Hanley. Concerning Hanley, Farrell said, in substance, "[n]ow we come to the problem of expanding the MJH annual program." A figure of $18,000 was mentioned by 1 of the persons present. Lerch, Farrell and Redfield, in substance, "stated that they were in favor of the program" and that the shares for the companies which they represented "were to be based on the percentage of the outstandings of the various individual companies." Farrell and Redfield stated in substance that they had knowledge that Schwartz and MacDermott, ". . . members of the previous program were unhappy about the burden they were carrying in that program, based on the smallness of their organization as compared to their share in the program." Farrell and Redfiield stated that "if a readjustment was not made . . . these members might withdraw." [123]

During October, 1959, Schwartz was negotiating with McHenry concerning a sale of 2 of Schwartz's offices to Local. A sale was negotiated, and a contract signed. About a week before the date set for the passing of papers McHenry came to Schwartz's office. In the course of their conversation McHenry said to Schwartz, "I was up to Boston and saw Martin, and I told him I was interested in buying the two offices, and Martin said it was o.k., but he wanted $2,000 from . . . the buyer, and $2,000 from . . . the seller, to approve the deal." Schwartz said, "[d]o you think it is necessary? We're just selling the offices. Why the $2,000?" McHenry replied, "Well, that's the deal. Take it or leave it." Schwartz then said, "[i]f that's the only way I can sell, I will have to pay the $2,000."

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[122] F, G (B, H)
[123] F, G (B, H)

Around December 20, 1959, Schwartz paid this $2,000 to Hanley. The payment, in large bills, was made at the Parker House Grille. On the day set for the passing of papers Schwartz was informed that Local had decided not to purchase the offices.[124] Shortly thereafter Schwartz sold these 2 offices to a third party.

Not long after the December payment to Hanley, Schwartz received a telephone call from Glynn.[125] Glynn said, "Louis, Charlie MacDermott is kicking like the devil about his assessment, and we have cut it down to a thousand dollars, and we have cut your assessment down to $750." Schwartz said, "I took care of my assessment months ago." Glynn then said, "[t]his is a brand new deal." Schwartz said, "I don't see why I should have to pay $750. What is it for?" Glynn said, "Louis, you know we're having a terrible time with Hanley. Everything we try to do he objects to, unless he's taken care of, and we've worked out something where he will agree to let us sell an office, move an office, change the name of the company, without any objection from him. And you know, he is harassing us terribly." Schwartz told Glynn, "[w]ell, to avoid harassment, I will have to go along with it, but I won't pay $750." Glynn replied by saying, "[w]ell, we couldn't bother with less than 500." Schwartz said, "O.K." Glynn also said that "Hanley objects to four instalments a year. He now wants it twice a year, March and September."[126]

Early in 1960, subsequent to the filing of new temporary regulations by the small loans division, Heath conversed with Hanley about several matters in which American was interested. Referring to American's head office, Heath said, "St. Louis desires the elimination of the Schedule

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[125] L
[126] G (B, H, F)

N and O. Also, St. Louis wishes to get your permission . . . to file monthly reports on a short-form basis for the individual licensees and one composite long-form report for the total Massachusetts operation." Hanley said that he would consider these requests; that he intended to be co-operative in the future; and that he was critical of the action of other people in the same area.[127]

On another occasion in early 1960 Hanley told Heath, in substance, "that the present temporary regulations were only temporary and that he might not be quite so understanding when it came to filing the permanent regulations because of the delay in the so-called 'Hanley Program.'"[128]

Between March 15 and March 30, 1960, Hanley received a payment of $250 from Schwartz in the men's room of the Parker House.[129] Hanley also received a payment from Heath in the amount of $2,325 in May of 1960.[130]

Heath received the funds which he paid to Hanley in May of 1960 from a Boston lawyer, one Mr. James Boudreau.[131] Prior to the May payment, Heath received a bill

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[127] Hly on all indictments except 10272, 11968 and 11993

[128] Hly on all indictments except 10272, 11968 and 11993 (B, H, F, G, P). In exhibit 173, Heath reported to Redfield, on March 29, 1960, that, "Marty is considerably perturbed at the moment at certain delays. He is now pointing out that the present regulations are only temporary and that because of such delay his attitude may not be quite so understanding when the new permanent regulations are issued. Last week he sent a telegram to Bob Miller and I understand this week he has sent one to DeWitt. Possibly Mr. Farrell has brought you up to date on this situation at your conference in St. Louis. I hope Beneficial can work this situation out this week. Further delay will only cause considerable loss of ground and make it much more difficult to obtain concessions from Marty which up to this episode could have been had for the asking." (Ex. 173, admitted as to B, H, G, F for the limited purpose of showing that Heath and Redfield were co-conspirators, II 111 Tr. 6353, 6372).

[129] L, G, Hly 10282 (B, H)

[130] F, G, Hly 11972 (B, H)

[131] G, F, Hly 11972

from Boudreau, dated April 13, 1960, and a covering letter. These are in evidence as exhibits. The letter, signed by Mr. Boudreau, states, "Dear Bill: Enclosed please find my bill to the Public Finance Company for legal services rendered. I hope this meets with your approval." The bill is in the amount of $6,500.[132] Upon receipt of the bill and covering letter Heath forwarded them to his superior, J. Miller Redfield.[133] On May 10, 1960, Redfield wrote to Heath stating that, "[t]he Boudreau bill has been o.k'd and the check will go out today. Just in case the IRS should challenge that bill in our books, I told Bruce [Snow] that it was for services rendered to you in connection with the study of the rate case and hearings and frequent consultations with you. You should advise Mr. B." "Mr. B" refers to Mr. Boudreau. The name "Bruce" refers to Mr. Bruce Snow, general counsel for American, who approved all attorneys hired by the Company and all bills rendered to the Company. In fact Mr. Boudreau performed no legal services in connection with the rate case and there were no legal consultations.[134] A day or so before making his May, 1960, payment to Hanley, Heath went to Mr. Boudreau's law office in Pemberton Square, Boston, and received from him $3,000 in hundred dollar bills. This sum was a portion of the payment Mr. Boudreau had received from Public for the April 13, 1960, bill. Within a day or 2 of this meeting with Mr. Boudreau, Heath used these hundred dollar bills to make the May, 1960, payment to Hanley.[135] Mr. Boudreau testified that he received a check in payment of the April 13, 1960, bill, and that he performed no legal services for Public or American.[136]

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[132] G, F

[133] G, F, Hly 11972

[134] B, H, F, G

[135] G, F, Hly 11972

[136] B, H, G, F, Hly 11972. Near the end of May, 1960, Heath received a longhand memo from Redfield. Redfield's memo reads, in

During 1960, Hanley had a number of conversations with various persons in the industry concerning modification of the forms used in reports to the department and the forthcoming new regulations governing the activities of licensees. In early 1960, Hanley had a conversation with Heath in which he told Heath that he intended to approve the elimination of the long form monthly report for licensees. In May, 1960, prior to the time that Heath received his cash for the Hanley program from Mr. Boudreau, Heath had another conversation with Hanley concerning the monthly report form. Hanley said that he would eliminate the monthly report, "when other matters had been taken care of." [137]

In July, 1960, Hanley met with Heath, Glynn, and perhaps 2 other persons at the Provincetown Inn, in Provincetown. At this meeting Hanley finally gave Heath written permission for American to file the short form monthly report. Hanley also sent a telegram to American's home office in St. Louis to the same effect. Hanley asked Heath to keep confidential the concession he had made to American regarding monthly reports and that Beneficial was the only other company that had been given permission not to file monthly reports. At the meeting the proposed regulations were also discussed. Shortly after this meeting the proposed form of permanent regulations was issued by the Bureau of Loan Agencies.[138]

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pertinent part, as follows: "Incidentally, I assume you have the proceeds of the attorney's fee in safety deposit box. Don Jr. wants a record of these things so please send me, confidentially, a statement showing you are holding these funds and then get me a report as they are expended so he can keep a running balance." (Admitted against B, H, F, G). Heath testified that the phrase "Don Jr." referred to Donald Barnes, Jr. — admitted against B, H, G, F. In 1960 Barnes was a vice-president of American. At the time of trial he was president of American. (Admitted against B, H, G, F).

[137] Hly on all indictments except 10272, 11968, 11993 (B, F, G, H, P)

[138] G, Hly on all indictments except 10272, 11968, 11993 (B, H, F, P)

Between September 15 and 20, 1960, Schwartz made another payment to Hanley.[139] About the same time, Heath paid Hanley $2,325.[140]

Heath obtained the funds from which he made this payment from a Boston attorney, one Mr. Stanley Berenson. Heath picked up the money from Mr. Berenson over a period of time in small amounts of $100 or $200. Mr. Berenson had sent a bill to Public earlier in 1960 to cover "general retainer." This bill was in the amount of $6,000. After receiving a check for this amount from Public, Mr. Berenson, at various times during the year, turned over $3,000 of the proceeds of the check to Heath. Heath used these funds for the October payment to Hanley.[141] Mr. Berenson corroborated this evidence in his testimony.[142]

In March of 1961, Schwartz had a telephone conversation with Hanley. Hanley asked Schwartz if he would like to have lunch and said, "We better eat at a different restaurant, because some of the legislators had remarked that I was always seen at the Parker House with somebody in the loan business." Schwartz suggested Cobb's Restaurant on the first floor of his office building at 18 Tremont Street. Hanley said, "O.K." Hanley had lunch and afterward went to the men's room where Schwartz gave Hanley an envelope containing $250, which Hanley put in his inside jacket pocket.[143]

In the spring of 1961, Heath had a telephone conversation with Glynn. Heath testified that, "Mr. Glynn stated . . . he made a payment to Mr. Hanley for his company . . . [and] that in taking the envelope out of his pocket Mr. Hanley took the envelope. He further informed me there was an additional $825 in the envelope over and

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[139] G, L, Hly 10281 (B, H)
[140] F, G, Hly 11970 (B, H, P)
[141] G, F, Hly ?1970
[142] B, H, G, F, P, Hly 11970
[143] G, L, Hly 10282 (B, H, P)

above the amount of the payment which Mr. Glynn was supposed to make. In substance, he then asked me if I would treat this as an advance on his part to me in order to avoid an embarrassing situation. I, in substance, agreed."[144]

Shortly thereafter, in April or May of 1961, Heath made another payment to Hanley. The amount of the payment was $1,500, and it was made in Boston. Heath obtained the funds with which he made this payment to Hanley from Mr. Berenson, from whom he had obtained the funds for the previous payment in October, 1960. He received the money in small amounts, such as $100, $200, $300 or $400 over a long period of time.[145]

Mr. Berenson testified that early in 1961, he had sent Public a bill for $6,300 and had received a check in full payment of the bill. During the year he paid to Heath $3,000 of the proceeds of the check in small bills at different times of the year.[146]

Early in September, 1961, Schwartz again paid Hanley $250 in the men's room of Cobb's restaurant.[147]

In September or October, 1961, Heath gave Hanley $1,500 in small bills. This money also came from the $3,000 fund which Heath received from Mr. Berenson throughout 1961. Shortly thereafter, Heath gave Hanley an additional $825 which was the money received by Heath as a result of Glynn's "advance" to Heath in the spring of 1961.[148]

The defendant Pratt assumed his duties as Household's regional director of public relations for New England in 1959, and remained in that position until 1963. From early 1961 through the mid-summer of 1963, Heath met with Glynn and Pratt on a regular basis. Heath, Pratt and

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[144] F, G (B, H, P)
[145] F, G, Hly 11969 (B, H, P)
[146] B, H, G, F, P, Hly 11970, 11971
[147] G, L, Hly 10279 (B, H, P)
[148] F, G, Hly 11969, 11971 (H, B, P)

Glynn represented Public, Household and Beneficial, the "Big Three" in the industry. They met in various restaurants in Boston and, on occasion, at various motels in other States. The frequency with which the meetings were held varied from once every 2 or 3 weeks to once every 2 or 3 months. The meetings were most frequent around April 15 and September 15. In the industry the meetings of these 3 men were referred to as meetings of the "loose-knit committee." In the course of these meetings the payments to Hanley were referred to as the "MJH Program." At meetings of the "loose-knit committee," Heath made reports to Pratt and Glynn of the payments which he made to Hanley. On various occasions, as part of the meetings of the "loose-knit committee," Heath, Glynn and Pratt made calculations concerning the participants' shares in the "MJH Program." These calculations were made during the years 1961 and 1962. One of the calculation sheets is in evidence as an exhibit. Heath, Glynn and Pratt had conversations relating to calculations concerning the Hanley program.[149]

During either 1961 or 1962, Pratt stated to Glynn and Heath that Lerch would be in town to take care of a certain matter involving the Hanley program. On another occasion, he stated that Barber would be in town to take care of a certain matter.[150] Glynn, during this same period, often reported to Heath and Pratt on whether or not "Beneficial . . . [had] taken care of their commitment on the Hanley Program." In the same period Glynn reported to Heath and Pratt that he was unhappy with the method 1 company was using to get its contribution to the Hanley program to him. Glynn stated, in substance, that "Mr. Al Symmes of Seaboard Finance Company had sent a con-

[149] F, G, P (B, H)
[150] P (B, H, F, G)

tribution to the Hanley Program by means of a cashier's check." [151]

About the last week in July, 1961, Heath received a longhand memo from Redfield. This memo reads in pertinent part as follows: "Last week I had the unfortunate experience of having my pocket secretary stolen. Among other items lost were my own notes and also your figures on our commitments in Mass. I assume you still have your copy of these figures so would appreciate your sending a copy on to me. I would like the total amount allocated to each company and also the distribution quotas."

As a result of receiving this letter Heath sent Redfield the information on a small sheet of paper which appears as follows: [152]

"MJH

BFC	5250
HFC	4100
AIC	4650
STA	500
Fam	500
Sea	550
Lib	700
	1000
Coleman	500
MAC	800
	18,550"

Heath testified that, "MJH" stands for Hanley; "BFC" stands for Beneficial; "HFC" stands for Household; "AIC" stands for American; "STA" stands for State Finance; "Fam" stands for Family; "Sea" stands for Seaboard Finance; "Lib" stands for Liberty; "Coleman"

[151] G (B, H, F, P)
[152] B, F, G, H, P

stands for Coleman; and "MAC" stands for Merchants Acceptance Corporation. The numbers appearing in the column of figures represent the dollar contributions of the various companies to the Hanley program. The figures refer to the annual payment by these companies.[153]

Early in 1962, Heath had a conversation with Hanley concerning a request by Public to move 1 of its downtown Boston offices. Heath had been asked to see about obtaining approval of the movement of this office. Heath said to Hanley, "Mr. Lutz desires to move the Post Office Square office to Codman Square, Dorchester." Hanley said, "Boston is the largest city in the State of Massachusetts, comprised of various areas which of themselves exceed the population of many other cities and towns. I consider the various areas of Boston as individual towns for the purpose of any agreement I have with your people." Heath replied, saying, "St. Louis [American's head office] feels differently about the situation. They feel that this move comes under the overall umbrella of our agreement with you." To Heath's knowledge, this particular office was never moved.[154]

In March of 1962, Schwartz again had lunch with Hanley at Cobb's restaurant and handed Hanley an envelope containing $250, once again in the men's room.[155]

Around April 15, or May 1, 1962, Heath gave Hanley a payment of $2,325. Heath obtained the funds for this payment from Mr. Boudreau, in the manner previously described. Heafh received $3,000 in cash from Mr. Boudreau at a meeting prior to the $2,325 payment made to Hanley in April or May. Heath reported this meeting to Redfield. Mr. Boudreau, prior to the time that Heath re-

[153] B, F, G, H, P

[154] Hly on all indictments except 10272, 11968, 11993 (H, G, F, P)

[155] G, L, Hly 10278 (B, H, P)

ceived this sum, never performed any legal services for Heath's company.[156]

In August, 1962, Heath attended a meeting at the Chatham Bars Inn in Chatham, Massachusetts. This meeting, arranged by Hanley, lasted 4½ days. In addition to Hanley, 2 employees of the small loans division were present. Glynn and Beneficial's attorney, one Mr. Bob Miller, were also present. During this meeting they discussed certain changes sought by Beneficial in the regulations. The Chatham Bars bill was paid by Public and Beneficial.[157]

In the first or second week of September of 1962, Heath made another payment to Hanley in the amount of $2,275. "It was in the form of hundred-dollar bills with the exception of that part of it which could not be in [a] hundred dollar bill." It was paid directly to Hanley. The source of the funds was an attorney, one Mr. Frank E. Riley, Jr.[158]

In early July of 1962, Heath met with Messrs. Riley and Boudreau in Mr. Boudreau's office. They then went to lunch at the Parker House Grille. At lunch Mr. Riley gave Heath his card. On July 27, 1962, Mr. Riley sent a bill to Public in the amount of $6,000, although Mr. Riley had not rendered legal services to either Public or American. The bill stated that it was for "professional services rendered during 1961-1962 in connection with the Uniform Commercial Code; drafting local legislation; and attendant conferences with company representatives." Mr. Riley received a $6,000 check from Public in payment of this bill.

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[156] G, F, Hly 10286 (B, H, P)

[157] G, Hly on 10273, 10276 through 10282, 10294, 10286, 11969-11972, 10275 (B, F, H, P). Beneficial and Public also paid the biils for meetings held in June, 1960, at the Wequasset Inn in East Harwich, and a motel on Nauset Beach. Glynn and Heath also paid the bill for meetings at the Colonial Motel in Swampscott and the Provincetown Inn. All of these meetings were held to discuss the regulations and proposed changes.

[158] G, F, Hly 10286 (B, H, P)

From the proceeds of the payment of this check he gave $4,500 in cash to Mr. Boudreau.[159] After Mr. Riley gave this $4,500 to Mr. Boudreau, Heath receievd $3,000 of this sum in cash from Mr. Boudreau. Heath used these funds for his payment to Hanley.[160] In their testimony, Messrs. Riley and Boudreau corroborated Heath's testimony.[161]

Some time after September 15, 1962, Schwartz once again paid Hanley $250 just outside the men's room at Locke-Ober's.[162]

In the fall of 1962, about October 16 or 17, Heath attended a meeting in New York related to the Hanley program. About a week prior to that New York meeting, the members of the "loose-knit" committee met at Purcell's restaurant in Boston. At the meeting Glynn gave Heath a piece of paper. There were 2 other copies of this piece of paper at the meeting. Glynn had 1 copy in his possession, and Pratt had the other. At the time he gave the copy to Heath, Glynn said that, "[t]his is an accounting of the program that I will use at the forthcoming meeting."[163]

A portion of this paper, which was introduced in evidence as exhibit 153, contains the following:[164]

	Due MH
"BE	5250
HO	4100
AI	4650
ST	500
FA	500
SE	500
LI	700
	16200"

[159] Mr. Riley gave $4,500 to Mr. Boudreau, instead of $3,000, because he owed him $1,500 on a pre-existing debt.

[160] G, F, Hly 10275, 10286

[161] B, H, G, F, P, Hly 10275, 10286

[162] L, G, Hly 10227 (B, H, P)

[163] F, G, P (B, H, Br)

[164] G, F, P (B, H, Br)

The portion of this exhibit quoted above is in Glynn's handwriting. The abbreviations in the left hand column were used in the meetings of the "loose-knit" committee. Heath testified that "BE" means Beneficial; "HO" means Household; "AI" means American Investment; "ST" means State; "FA" means Family; "SE" means Seaboard; and "LI" means Liberty. The phrase "Due MH" means money payable to Hanley.[165]

Following the meeting of the "loose-knit" committee at Purcell's, Heath, on the 16 or 17 of October, 1962, attended a meeting at the Commodore Hotel in New York. Heath went down by train, and stayed overnight at the Commodore. Heath went to the meeting approximately 9:30 in the morning. The meeting was held in a function room on the second floor. The meeting continued until the middle of the afternoon, with a break for lunch. Those attending the meeting were seated at a table. They included Heath of American, Woodcock of Liberty, Barber and Pratt of Household, Godshall of Family, Thomasch of State and Glynn and Farrell of Beneficial. Heath sat at about the middle of the table. Woodcock sat on his left. Pratt sat on his right. At the end of the table, to Heath's left, were Godshall and Thomasch. Across the table from Heath were Barber, Farrell, and Glynn. This was the seating arrangement in the latter part of the afternoon. Near the end of the meeting, Glynn arose and read aloud from the calculation sheet which is in evidence in part as exhibit 153.[166]

Glynn did not read from the calculation sheet in exactly the manner shown on exhibit 153. He used the names of the companies rather than the initials. Otherwise his reading was the same as is shown on exhibit 153, except that

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[165] F, G, P (B, H, Br)
[166] F, G, P, Br (B, H)

he used the expression the "Hanley Program" instead of "MH." [167]

In addition to what was stated on exhibit 153, Glynn stated, "Liberty owes $700 on the Hanley Program." At this point, "Woodcock interjected himself and interrupted the conversation." He said that "this matter should not have been brought up before this meeting, this matter was not supposed to be discussed during this meeting, and . . . he was very angry that he was being subjected to the discussion of this matter." Woodcock further stated that "Glynn should tell Mr. Hanley that Liberty had no intention of participating in the Hanley program this year." Glynn said, "Mr. Woodcock, why don't you tell him yourself?" Woodcock replied, "Well, you tell Hanley to see me." At about this point the meeting broke up.[168]

Approximately the third week in April, 1963, Heath made another $2,325 payment to Hanley in a corridor outside the men's room at the Durgin Park restaurant.[169] Schwartz also made a payment at this time.[170]

In September of 1963, Heath had a conversation with Glynn relating to the MJH Program. Heath told Glynn "that we had made our April payment to the MJH Program, but in my opinion we were not going to make a September payment." Glynn said to Heath that "Benefiial had made their April payment to Mr. Hanley and that he had no decision as to whether or not the September payment was going to be made."[171] Heath met with Barber of Household in the middle of September, 1963. Earlier that day Heath received a telephone call from Pratt who said, "Nat Barber is going to be in town at the Statler.

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[167] F, G, P, Br (B, H)
[168] F, G, P, Br (B, H)
[169] F, G, Hly 10284 (B, H, P, Br)
[170] G, L, Hly 10276 (B, H, P)
[171] G (B, H, F, Br, P)

He desires to talk to you. Will you come and see him?" Heath said that he would. Heath arrived at the Statler at about two in the afternoon. He went to the suite which was occupied by Barber. When Heath arrived, Pratt was there with Barber and a man who was introduced as a Household public relations representative from the mid-west named McCormick. Shortly after Heath arrived McCormick and Pratt left. After Pratt left Heath had a conversation with Barber. Barber stated that he expected a call from Hanley very shortly. The telephone rang, and there was a conversation. Following the telephone call, Barber said that he was going to join Hanley at the Parker House and asked Heath to remain in the room until he got back. Barber then left and returned about 2½ hours later. He then told Heath that "he thought the Hanley MJH program should continue." Heath stated, "that . . . [he] thought the Hanley program was dead, finished, as far as American Investment was concerned." Heath said that this was "only my personal opinion, that the risk was too great, and in my opinion American Investment would have nothing further to do with the Program." Barber replied, "that he was afraid that would be the position of Household Finance from MacDonald down." Heath "again reiterated that a decision such as this would have to be made at a much higher echelon than either myself or Mr. Barber." Barber then said that "he felt so deeply about the continuation of the MJH Program that, if necessary, he might . . . make payments from monies set aside for another purpose without the knowledge of his superiors at Household Finance." [172]

Near the end of September, 1963, Schwartz made a final payment to Hanley of $250 in the men's room of Cobb's restaurant.[173] On October 24, 1963, after consulting with

[172] Br, P (as to telephone call) (B, H, F, G, P [remainder])
[173] G, Hly 10273 (B, H, P)

counsel, Schwartz appeared and testified before the Massachusetts Crime Commission.[174]

The foregoing evidence constitutes most of the essential evidence in the second trial. Portions of this evidence will be referred to in treating with the various issues raised by the respective corporate and individual defendants.

B. *THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE*

The Individual Defendants

1. *Pratt* — Pratt contends that the trial judge erred in allowing the Commonwealth's motions for extensions of the evidence and for a preliminary ruling of conspiracy. He also contends that the trial judge erred in denying his motion for a directed verdict. The grounds for both assignments of error rest in the contention by Pratt that the evidence linking him to the conspiracy was insufficient as matter of law to support the trial judge's rulings.

The evidence originally admitted against Pratt, and offered as tending to connect him to the conspiracies is as follows: Pratt's position at Household included meeting with legislators and other influential persons for the benefit of his company. He represented Household at a meeting of the Rate Board, meetings with supervisory officials of the small loans division, and meetings with other government officials.

From 1961 to 1963, Pratt also met regularly with Glynn of Beneficial and Heath of Public. During these meetings, Heath made reports to Pratt and Glynn concerning bribes paid to Hanley. The "MJH" program was explicitly discussed, and calculations concerning the shares of the 3 companies in the bribes were made.

Pratt was also present at the crucial Purcell's and Commodore Hotel meetings in October, 1962. We have previously recounted the details of these meetings. At these meetings Glynn distributed calculator sheets showing the

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shares of the various corporations in the bribery program. The sheet he gave to Heath is in evidence. Pratt's company was included on the sheets. It has not been shown that Pratt said anything at the Purcell's or Commodore Hotel meetings.

Pratt maintains that his presence at all of these meetings is consistent equally with innocence or guilt, and thus cannot be said to establish his guilt by legitimate proof, under the rule in *Commonwealth* v. *O'Brien,* 305 Mass. 393, 400. As in the first trial, he also relies on *Commonwealth* v. *Beal,* 314 Mass. 210, 222, claiming that he had "mere knowledge of an unlawful conspiracy" and cannot be said to have "actively participate[d] therein and . . . [done] something in furtherance of it."

Yet, the direct evidence of Pratt's participation in these many meetings is not consistent with innocence of the conspiracy or of mere knowledge without adherence to the unlawful agreement. Silence does not preclude proof of adherence to an unlawful agreement where other evidence points strongly to guilt. *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli,* 352 Mass. 95, 113. *Commonwealth* v. *Rudnick,* 318 Mass. 45, 57-59. Even in the case of *Commonwealth* v. *Beal, supra,* Beal's brother was held to have actively participated in the conspiracy, although his role was largely one of passive support. *Commonwealth* v. *Beal,* 314 Mass. 210, 222-223. Cf. *Egan* v. *United States,* 137 F.2d 369, 378 (8th Cir.), cert. den. 320 U.S. 788. Pratt's passive support and presence at the many important meetings could be found by the jury as an element in the "concerted action" of the conspiracy. *Commonwealth* v. *Hunt,* 4 Met. 111, 123.

In any event, we are of opinion that Pratt's conduct surpassed merely that of passive support and that he committed *overt* acts in furtherance of the conspiracy. During the meetings with Glynn and Heath, Pratt joined in making calculations as to the relative shares in the

bribery program. He also informed Glynn and Heath that his superior, Lerch, would be in town to take care of a "certain matter." That was obviously "with reference to the Hanley Program." Assisting the other conspirators in this way was evidence that Pratt *actively* sought to further the conspiracy and participated in the "concerted action toward . . . a common purpose" which is the essence of the crime. *Commonwealth* v. *Schnackenberg*, 356 Mass. 65, 74. *Attorney Gen.* v. *Tufts*, 239 Mass. 458, 493-494. *Commonwealth* v. *Galvin*, 310 Mass. 733, 745-746.

2. *Barber* — Barber relies on the same argument as Pratt with regard to the sufficiency of the evidence. In his case, however, there is even more evidence of overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy to complement the evidence of his adherence to the unlawful agreement.

Barber was Pratt's superior and was supervisor of a number of public relations employees of Household on the eastern seaboard. He was the senior officer of Household present at the Commodore Hotel meeting in October, 1962, when Glynn read aloud the calculations or bribery shares in the Hanley program, including the share of Household. Barber did not raise an objection to the Hanley program, although Woodcock did.

In September, 1963, Barber had an extensive conversation with Heath at the Hotel Statler in Boston. This conversation removes any doubt as to the meaning of Barber's presence at the Commodore Hotel meeting. Barber stated to Heath, "that he thought the Hanley MJH program should continue." Barber continued to say that, "he felt so deeply about the continuation of the MJH Program that, if necessary, he might . . . make payments from monies set aside for another purpose without the knowledge of his superiors at Household Finance."

These statements furnish evidence that the reason for Barber's presence at the important Commodore Hotel

meeting was his adherence to the conspiracy. But they also establish for more. During the Statler conversation, Heath had emphasized that he "thought" the "Hanley program was dead." Barber reacted by urging continuation of the conspiracy. This was an important *overt* act in furtherance of the conspiracy. It is of no importance whether Heath was still a party to the conspiracy. Barber was still a party to it, willing to obtain monies "without the knowledge of his superiors" to pursue it, and was, by his advocacy with Heath, actively seeking to promote its activities. "A conspiracy, especially one which contemplates a continuity of purpose and a continued performance of acts, is presumed to continue until there has been an affirmative showing that it has terminated; and its members continue to be conspirators until there has been an affirmative showing that they have withdrawn." *United States* v. *Etheridge*, 424 F.2d 951, 964 (6th Cir.). See *Hyde* v. *United States*, 225 U.S. 347, 369-370.

The judge, therefore, properly ruled in the cases of Pratt and Barber that the evidence admitted originally against them was sufficient as matter of law to permit the jury to find that these defendants conspired with others to bribe Hanley. The judge thus properly admitted against these individual defendants the evidence of the acts, knowledge, and admissions of the other conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy (*Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133) and properly denied their various motions for directed verdicts. *Commonwealth* v. *Stasium*, 349 Mass. 38, 51.

C. *THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE*

The Corporate Defendants

Having concluded that the evidence was sufficient to establish that Pratt and Barber were part of a conspiracy joined in by Farrell, Glynn, Newhall, and Lerch to bribe Hanley, we again turn to the question whether the re-

spective corporate defendants were parties to the conspiracy. As in the first trial the defendants Beneficial and Household, by way of motions for directed verdicts, attack the legal sufficiency of the evidence to connect them to the conspiracy. Similarly, they further assert that the standard for imposing corporate criminal liability, as applied by the judge, was erroneous. The defendant, Local, also attacks the sufficiency of the evidence.

1. *Standards of Criminal Responsibility* — With respect to the correctness of the standard applied by the judge for holding a corporation criminally responsible for the acts of its employees, officers, directors, or agents, we refer to our discussion in the first trial portion of this opinion on that point. What we have said there applies with equal validity to the evidence before us in this trial. The corporate defendants may properly be held responsible for the acts of their agents, officers or employees if there is sufficient evidence to show that the corporation had placed the agent in a position where he possessed enough authority to act on behalf of the corporation with respect to the particular corporate activities associated with criminal conduct. Applying this standard to the evidence, we first consider the evidence admitted against Household, then as against Beneficial and finally, as against Local.

2. *Household* — Household was held criminally responsible for the conduct of Lerch, Barber and Pratt. Lerch served as divisional director of public relations for Household during the earlier part of the period covered by these indictments. Subsequently, Lerch was replaced by Barber who held the same title and performed the same duties as Lerch. As divisional directors of public relations, Lerch and Barber were the immediate superiors of Household's public relations men in Massachusetts as well as in other States in their division. Lerch's and

Barber's superior was the head of Household's entire public relations department, who in the 1962 annual report was listed as H. L. Haugan, a vice-president and director of public relations. In the 1958, 1959 and 1960 annual reports, Lerch is listed on the same page where the president and vice-president are listed under the heading "officers." In the 1962 and 1963 annual reports, Barber is listed under the heading "Other Staff Executives."

Pratt and Warren Engle were the public relations men assigned to Massachusetts between 1960 and 1963. There was ample evidence introduced at the trial, that over a 6 year period Household's public relations men including Lerch, Barber and Pratt regularly and customarily dealt with legislators and small loans officials, as well as with other industry representatives, concerning matters pertaining to the small loans division, such as regulations, report forms, license fees, and advertising.[175] In addition, Household was represented by Lerch on the executive committee of the Massachusetts Consumer Finance Association during 1957 and 1958, which was active in areas dealing with the supervisor of loan agencies.

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[175] Pratt regularly attended meetings and public hearings with officials from the small loans division and representatives of other companies in the industry. In March, 1960, his name appeared on the bureau's list under the heading "Household Finance Corporation" along with the names of Household's secretary, vice-president and controller. Pratt was present, representing Household, at meetings and hearings concerning revision of regulations on June 30, 1960, August 2, 1960, September 12, 1960, and October 11, 1960. On September 6, 1961, he was present representing Household at a hearing held at the State House concerning an increase in the small loans license fee. On January 10, 1961, and January 15, 1962, he was present representing Household, at meetings concerning the annual report form.

In 1958, Engle attended at least 1 meeting with Leadbetter (assistant supervisor and rate analyst of the small loans division), Hanley, the Commissioner of Banks, and other industry representatives. Engle also spoke with Leadbetter from time to time.

On December 3, 1958, Lerch was present at a meeting at the State House with Hanley, Leadbetter, the Commissioner of Banks and other industry representatives.

This 6 year pattern of sustained activity by Household's public relations men comports with the language of Justice Qua (later Chief Justice) in the case of *Hartigan* v. *Eastern Racing Assn. Inc.*, 311 Mass. 368, 370, that "[a]cts habitually performed by an agent may import acquiescence by the principal and become evidence of his authority." See *Cowan* v. *Eastern Racing Assn. Inc.*, 330 Mass. 135, 144. Cf. *C. F. Hovey Co., petitioner*, 254 Mass. 551, 555; Restatement 2d: Agency, § 43.

In addition, there is direct testimony by Don H. Ellis, a vice-president of Beneficial, that the duties of public relations men included dealing with legislators and governmental agencies pertaining to legislative matters, as well as matters involving complaints from "important" persons.[176]

We are of opinion that there is a strong and apparent nexus between Lerch's, Barber's and Pratt's duties for the principal, Household, and their conspiratorial activities. Cf. *Egan* v. *United States*, 137 F.2d 369, 380. It is unnecessary for us to repeat all the evidence we have previously recited. The judge properly admitted against Household evidence of the acts, knowledge and admissions of other conspirators, and correctly ruled that there was sufficient evidence to submit the case to the jury.

3. *Beneficial* — Beneficial was held criminally responsible for the criminal activities of Farrell, Newhall and Glynn, formerly the employees of Beneficial Management. As in the first trial, there is overwhelming evidence of the participation of these individuals in the conspiracy and Beneficial does not dispute this. Nor does it dispute

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[176] Ellis testified that the primary duty of a public relations man "is to enlighten people who formulate public opinion as to the virtues of our business, to enlighten them not only of the problems that we have but what we would like to do, what we are doing, and the need that we are fulfilling."

that these individual defendants were authorized to handle the particular matters in which they were engaged at the time they committed the criminal acts. Beneficial's only essential argument, as in connection with the first trial, is that there is no evidence that these individuals were authorized by *Beneficial* to participate in the conspiracy to bribe Hanley. The thrust of this assertion is predicated upon the fact that none of the individual defendants were officers, directors or employees of Beneficial. It further asserts that there is no proof of agency.

In connection with the first trial, we determined that an agency relationship did exist between Beneficial and Farrell and Glynn. There, we stated the evidence pertaining to the interlocking corporate structure of Beneficial, Beneficial Management and the business trusts doing business in the Commonwealth under the name and style of Beneficial Finance Company. Much of that evidence was also introduced in the second trial and we perceive no need to repeat all of the details here. Briefly, it showed that (a) Beneficial wholly owned Beneficial Management; (b) there was an interpenetration of corporate officers between Beneficial and Beneficial Management; (c) there was a mixture and a dependency of business activities between the 2 corporations and (d) Beneficial held itself out as a single operating entity. With regard to our discussion of this evidence and the application of the *My Bread* case to the evidence, we refer to p. 91 et seq. of this opinion and apply the same reasoning to the evidence introduced at the second trial.

In addition, however, there was direct evidence at the second trial that a high corporate official of Beneficial knowingly permitted Glynn to act on behalf of Beneficial in dealing with Hanley. On October 8, 1959, Jackson Collins, Beneficial's general counsel and a director of Beneficial, wrote to Francis X. Crowley, vice-president and

comptroller of Beneficial Management, concerning "1958 Massachusetts Small Loan Report Schedule N — Consecutive Transactions by Present Borrowers." Collins stated that he disliked the language of this schedule and did not believe that most consecutive transactions by present borrowers were "renewals." He suggested that the word "transaction" be substituted. On October 13, 1959, Crowley replied to Collins, writing that "[u]nder the present situation in Massachusetts we do not believe that it would be feasible for either you or us to write to Mr. Hanley on this matter. We have, however, taken the liberty of sending a copy of your memorandum to Mr. Glynn. It is our thought that he can take this matter up with Mr. Hanley at an opportune time." Despite this admonition by Crowley that "the present situation in Massachusetts" did not feasibly warrant direct contact between high corporate officials of Beneficial and Hanley, Collins subsequently wrote to Hanley stating his position on the forms. Collins attached to his letter to Hanley a copy of the Crowley memo wherein it is stated that Glynn could "take this matter up with Mr. Hanley."

This correspondence, in its most favorable and least incriminating aspect to Beneficial, shows that an upper echelon corporate official of Beneficial acquiesced in the delegation of authority to Glynn to act on behalf of Beneficial in dealing with Hanley. Conversely, in its most incriminating aspect, the correspondence imports knowledge by a director of Beneficial that the "present situation in Massachusetts" referred to the fact that Hanley was being bribed to bestow favors on Beneficial, such as the changing of language in a "Small Loan Report Schedule," and that this director acquiesced in such criminal activity. In view of the evidence admitted against Farrell, Glynn and Newhall, the latter interpretation could reasonably be inferred from the correspondence. In this regard,

the correspondence is a prime illustration of a situation aptly described by Holmes, J. that "[t]he evidence by itself of course did not prove criminal conduct. But it is not necessary that every piece of evidence admitted should be sufficient by itself to prove the crime. Evidence which would be colorless if it stood alone may get a new complexion from other facts which are proved, and in turn may corroborate the conclusion which would be drawn from the other facts." *Commonwealth* v. *Mulrey,* 170 Mass. 103, 110.

The evidence, taken as a whole, was more than sufficient to support a finding that Beneficial conspired to bribe Hanley through the agency of Farrell, Glynn and Newhall. The judge correctly admitted the acts, knowledge and admissions of other conspirators against Beneficial on the conspiracy indictment and, therefore, there was no error in the denial of its motion for a directed verdict.

4. *Local* — Local was held criminally responsible for the acts and statements of McHenry, its president, who died before the trial. Local does not contest the authority of McHenry to commit it to the conspiracy to bribe Hanley, but argues simply that there is insufficient evidence to show that McHenry participated in the conspiracy.

We disagree. The evidence shows: (1) in the summer of 1957, McHenry gave Schwartz an envelope and said, "[t]his is for Martin." McHenry asked Schwartz to erase Schwartz's telephone number on the envelope. The envelope felt as though it had several pieces of paper in it. Schwartz gave it to Hanley when he (Schwartz) paid his own bribe money, and after Hanley had called and said, "I understand you have something for me"; (2) during 1958 or 1959, Schwartz talked with McHenry on the telephone about the Hanley payments. McHenry said, "I am going out of town. I may be gone for ten days, possibly two weeks, and there is an installment due Mr. Hanley.

He raised the roof when I was late the last time and made an awful smell about it. Would it be all right if I send a payment up to your office with Mike Sands?" Sands corroborated the fact that he delivered the envelope to Schwartz. Schwartz testified that he delivered it to Hanley; (3) there was testimony by Schwartz that he and McHenry agreed to pay $2,000 to Hanley as a bribe in exchange for Hanley's approval of the sale of 2 of Schwartz's offices. Schwartz paid Hanley, but the sale was never made.

This evidence, together with Schwartz's numerous payments to Hanley, more than supports the conclusion that Local through McHenry conspired to bribe Hanley. Local's assertion that the evidence is colorless is without merit. McHenry's use of the words "payment" and "installment" in the context of the other evidence creates a reasonable inference that these "payments" or "installments" were bribes.

Similarly, there is no substance in Local's argument that even if Schwartz conspired with McHenry, there is no evidence to connect them with the others. It is sufficient if the evidence shows "concerted action toward the accomplishment of a common purpose." *Commonwealth* v. *Galvin*, 310 Mass. 733, 745. It is not necessary that each defendant have communicated or dealt directly with each other defendant. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , — [b]

There was no error in the admission of the acts and statements of other conspirators against it, nor in the denial of Local's motion for a directed verdict on the conspiracy indictment.

D. *CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL*

As in connection with the first trial, various defendants allege error regarding the judge's conduct of the trial.

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[b] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637-638.

Some of these arguments are essentially similar to those raised in the first trial and, therefore, we deal with them summarily.

1. Household argues that the conspiracy indictment should have been dismissed because of the 6 year statute of limitations, and the other defendants adopt this claim. The argument appears to be based primarily on the theory that the only way the Commonwealth could avoid a conflict with the principle of double jeopardy was by a ruling that conspiracy was not a continuing offence. We have already rejected this contention, noting that the indictments, with their bills of particulars and "Representations of Evidence in [S]upport of Motion for Joinder or Grouping," made it clear that the 2 indictments charged separate conspiracies, the first conspiracy being to bribe Hanley in connection with the 1962 hearing alone, and the second being a continuing conspiracy to pay Hanley annual sums from 1957 through most of 1963. (*Supra*, p. 36.) In disposing of the double jeopardy issue, therefore, we in no way undermined the rule that a conspiracy is a "continuing offence." As to such an offence the statute of limitations does not begin to run until the date on which the continuing offence ends. *Commonwealth* v. *Ross*, 248 Mass. 15, 18. *Commonwealth* v. *Geagan*, 339 Mass. 487, 518-519. The date of the conspiracy indictment is May 8, 1964, which is within the 6 year period of limitation applicable here, since it continued from 1957 to the date of the indictment.

The further argument that allegation and proof of an overt act was necessary to sustain the indictment against the statute of limitations attack is equally lacking in substance. It is the law of this Commonwealth that there is no requirement for any overt act, or allegation thereof, to constitute the crime of conspiracy. *Commonwealth* v. *Judd*, 2 Mass. 329, 336-337. Nor is there any requirement for allegation and proof of renewal of the conspiracy dur-

ing the 6 year period of limitation as distinguished from continuance of the conspiracy. Household's plea in bar and motion to quash were rightly denied and the assignments of error of Household and other defendants based on the statute of limitations must be rejected.

2. Household, Barber and Pratt contend that the judge took insufficient precautions to guard the jury against the possible adverse effects of publicity, both before and during the trial; and therefore a mistrial should have been declared. The facts relied upon by the defendants are identical to those relied upon in connection with the first trial and the issues presented have been previously discussed at length. (*Supra*, p. 144.) Suffice it to say that from a careful examination of the record of the second trial we are satisfied that the judge did not abuse his discretion either in refusing to poll the prospective jurors concerning their pre-trial readings or discussions of the case, or in refusing to instruct them not to read articles or watch and listen to news broadcasts during the trial.

3. Similarly, we treated at some length in connection with the first trial, *supra*, p. 99, the defendants' argument that the judge erred in hearing the Commonwealth *ex parte* on its applications for issuance of process to out-of-State witnesses. We need not elaborate further.

4. Local offered to prove that Schwartz and Heath knew the results of the first trial and the sentences imposed on the defendants in that trial by the judge and the sanctions imposed on the defendants by the Department of Banking. Local contends that the refusal of the judge to admit this evidence was error since it was essential to show that Schwartz and Heath were motivated by bias or personal interest.

In support of this contention, we consider the case of *United States* v. *Colonial Motor Inn, Inc.*, 440 F.2d 1227 (1st Cir.). There, the defendant in a criminal prosecution

made an offer of proof to show the personal interest and motivation of a key government witness. This witness could have incriminated herself if her testimony had not corroborated the government's theory of the case. The jury were unaware of this fact. In addition, her testimony pertained to a crucial issue in the case. In holding that the defendant was entitled to show the personal interest of the witness, the court noted that the prosecution in its final argument relied upon the impartiality of the witness, stating that she had "nothing to gain or lose," when in fact the defendant's offer of proof would have contradicted this statement.

We think the above case is distinguishable on its facts from the case before us. Here, unlike the foregoing situation, the jury were informed of the personal participation of Heath and Schwartz in the criminal activities of the various defendants, because the defendants *incriminated themselves* with their *own testimony*. Therefore, it was self-evident that Heath and Schwartz, since they were not named as defendants in the trial, had a personal interest in testifying for the Commonwealth. In this regard, the position of Heath and Schwartz in this case is similar to the position of one Shea in the case cited above, about which the court said: "[I]f the witness had been Shea himself, cross-examination on the subject of the tax consequences of admitting a taxable receipt might well have been excluded as superfluous, his interest being self-evident." *United States* v. *Colonial Motor Inn, Inc.*, 440 F.2d 1227, 1228 (1st Cir.).

In addition, extensive evidence was elicited from Heath and Schwartz concerning their involvement in the consumer finance industry. The jury were thus well-informed of the benefits these witnesses might obtain should the major loan companies go out of business in the Commonwealth. Secondly, the possibility of prejudice to the other

defendants outweighed the alleged benefit asserted by Local, especially since the personal interest of the witnesses was obvious. Thus, we find no difficulty in holding that the judge did not abuse his discretion as to the scope of proper cross-examination in excluding the offered evidence. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , -- [i] *Commonwelth* v. *Nasser*, 351 Mass. 37, 43-44. *Chevillard* v. *United States*, 155 F.2d 929, 935 (9th Cir.).

5. Local contends that the judge erred in admitting against it certain letters and memoranda which were taken from Heath's files. These exhibits were admitted for the limited purpose of showing that Heath, Redfield and American had participated in the conspiracy. They were admitted almost a month after the judge's preliminary ruling that the evidence warranted a finding of a conspiracy which included Local, American, Redfield and Heath. Of course, once such a preliminary ruling has been made, "the acts and declarations of one conspirator in pursuance of the common object are admissible against the other conspirators." *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , [j] quoting *Commonwealth* v. *Stasium*, 349 Mass. 38, 50. These exhibits, being the means by which one conspirator advised another of the progress of the conspiracy, were certainly declarations in the pursuance of the object of the conspiracy. There was no error in admitting them against all the members of the conspiracy, including Local.

6. Hanley's contention that he was the victim of "selective prosecution" in violation of the equal protection clause of the United States Constitution is not supported by the record. Hanley's offer of proof was, in substance, that not all the public officials known by the Attorney General to have received bribes were indicted, and

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[i] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 661-662.
[j] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637.

that various members of the Crime Commission had stated that they were particularly interested in "getting him." Such proof would be insufficient to support a claim of selective enforcement, which requires a showing of some arbitrary classification, such as race or religion, upon which prosecutions are being based. *Yick Wo* v. *Hopkins*, 118 U.S. 356. *Oyler* v. *Boles*, 368 U.S. 448, 456. Mere failure to punish other offenders by itself is no basis for a holding that there was a denial of equal protection. *Moss* v. *Hornig*, 314 F.2d 89, 82 (2d Cir.). Indeed, it may be altogether appropriate to pick out one, or a number of offenders, from a group whose conduct or position is such that a striking example of them can be made "in the expectation that general compliance will follow and that further prosecutions will be unnecessary." *People* v. *Utica Daw's Drug Co.*, 16 App. Div. (N.Y.) 12, 21. Hanley, as the principal public figure involved in the case before us, certainly has no standing to complain of his indictment under any of these standards, especially since he was not the only public official against whom indictments were returned.

7. The defendant Pratt asserts that Heath, on cross-examination, recanted his direct testimony that Pratt had a copy of exhibit 153 (*supra*, p. 228-229) in his possession at the meeting of the "loose knit committee" at Purcell's in October, 1962. From a careful reading of Heath's testimony on cross-examination we are persuaded there was no renunciation of his direct testimony concerning exhibit 153. To the contrary, Heath's testimony on cross-examination was consistent with his direct testimony which placed exhibit 153 in Pratt's hands at the meeting of the conspirators.

8. Household contends that the jury should have been instructed that if a witness is shown to have testified falsely concerning a material matter the jury have a right

to reject all of his testimony. Household argues that Schwartz's and Heath's financial interests in the outcome of the trial and their dislike of Hanley may have motivated them to testify falsely. Household also points to certain allegedly inconsistent statements.

The record reveals that the jury were adequately instructed on these points. They were instructed that they must consider contradiction and inconsistencies "in deciding whether . . . [they were] going to believe any or all of" the testimony of witnesses. The jury were also instructed to consider carefully the interest of a witness in a conviction, or the personal feeling of a witness toward a defendant. The charge as a whole and in context adequately covered the relevant factors to be considered in the evaluation of testimony. *Commonwealth* v. *Greenberg*, 339 Mass. 557, 585. There was no error in refusing to give the instructions requested. *Ducharme* v. *Holyoke St. Ry.*, 203 Mass. 384, 397.

9. Beneficial contends that the judge erred in refusing to allow its motion for a mistrial based on the length of time which elapsed from the time Beneficial rested its case and the time the case was submitted to the jury. The second trial required 222 trial days. The Commonwealth rested on March 6, 1968, and Beneficial rested on March 21, 1968. All of the other defendants except Hanley, who rested on May 27, rested during March or April. The case went to the jury on June 7, 1968.

Beneficial concedes that the judge could not have let its case go to the jury before the others, because such a procedure would prejudice the other defendants. The judge was thus left with little choice but to proceed as he did. While there may be cases of such a nature that a period of 2 months between the time when a defendant rests and the time when a conspiracy case is submitted to a jury is so prejudicial as to be a denial of a fair trial, this is not

one of them. Had all but 1 defendant rested immediately, the mere fact that the remaining defendant chose to put on a defence that consumed 2 or 3 more months of trial does not automatically call for a mistrial. Otherwise conspiracy cases could seldom be tried to conclusion. As we held in *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , ,[k] the receiving of further evidence from other co-defendants after their alleged co-conspirator had rested is within the sound discretion of the judge. We see no abuse of discretion.

10. Pratt and Barber argue that it was error for the judge to refuse to poll the individual jurors after the return of the verdicts. However, as we noted, *supra*, p. 97, the settled law of this Commonwealth is otherwise. *Commonwealth* v. *Goldenberg*, 338 Mass. 377, 386.

11. Hanley, who appeared pro se in the second trial, contends that his convictions must be reversed because the judge did not comply with our Rule 3:10 in advising him of his right to counsel. He further asserts that the judge committed error in permitting him to appear pro se and in conducting certain proceedings in his absence.

With respect to the contention charging a failure to follow Rule 3:10, it should be noted that Hanley was represented by counsel in the first trial. After that trial his attorney made a motion to withdraw, at which time the judge said to Hanley: "There is a standing order in Suffolk County that a lawyer who once files an appearance for a Defendant in a criminal case may not withdraw that appearance without leave of court." Hanley then informed the court that he understood, but preferred to appear pro se in the second trial. The judge was further informed that Hanley was a law school graduate and a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

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[k] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 655

It is apparently Hanley's contention that his convictions should be reversed on any or all of the 3 following grounds: (1) the judge did not advise him of his right to counsel as required by Rule 3:10; (2) the judge did not file a written certificate showing that he had waived counsel as required by Rule 3:10; and (3) he was incompetent to represent himself. While many members of the bar might concur with the third ground on the sole basis that an attorney should not represent himself, the defendant here fails to point to even 1 instance of his alleged incompetence. We are therefore not persuaded by this argument. The alleged ground that the judge did not advise him of his right to counsel is contrary to the record, which shows that the judge informed him that his attorney could not withdraw without the court's permission. That Hanley understood can be inferred from his expressed desire to represent himself in the second trial. In addition, since Hanley was an attorney, it was unnecessary for the judge to say more.

Another question presented by Hanley in this grouping of arguments is whether it was error for the judge to proceed with the trial without requiring Hanley to file a written waiver of counsel in accordance with Rule 3:10. There is no doubt that this requirement is an important one. The written waiver rule, however, was promulgated in order "to eliminate to the greatest possible extent all questions arising from lack of representation by counsel." *Mulcahy* v. *Commonwealth*, 352 Mass. 613, 615. Written waivers are required to avoid "ex post facto inquiries" concerning the right to counsel. *Cardran* v. *Commonwealth*, 356 Mass. 351, 353. In this case no such written memorandum was necessary to memorialize the waiver of counsel since the exchanges between Hanley and the judge on this subject appear in the transcript. It is therefore apparent that the purpose and spirit of the rule were fulfilled.

Hanley's final point that he was prejudiced by some proceedings that took place in his absence on December 4, 1967, is utterly without merit. The judge specifically said he would proceed only with matters that did not affect or involve Hanley and this is precisely what the judge did. The only matters covered in Hanley's absence were the direction of verdicts with respect to other defendants.

12. Household, Beneficial, Glynn, Farrell and Newhall object to the expansion by the judge of limitations on 66 items of evidence during the course of the trial. The objection raised is in all respects similar to that raised by these defendants and others to the comparable procedure followed by the judge in the first trial. In the second trial, as in the first, the Commonwealth moved during the course of the trial for a preliminary ruling of conspiracy. It filed simultaneously a series of 8 motions to expand the limitations on certain portions of the evidence. The judge made a preliminary ruling of conspiracy and expanded the limitations on certain portions of the evidence. Also, as in the first trial, the judge did not in every instance lift the original limitations so as to admit a given item of evidence against all the defendants who could have been found to be conspirators with the defendants against whom the evidence had been originally admitted. The instruction to the jury requested by Household relative to the limitations on the evidence, identical to the one requested by it in the first trial, was likewise omitted by the judge in the second trial.

The defendants have not made any arguments which were not dealt with by us in our discussion of this issue as it arose in the first trial. Therefore we refer to that portion of our opinion, *supra*, p. 170, which treats with this matter. We discern no need for further elaboration other than to note that the defendants' arguments with respect to the second trial are made weaker by 2 features

of this trial. First, the judge stated that the reason he expanded the limitations was because he adopted the rationale suggested by the Commonwealth for the selective expansion of the limitations; namely, "to limit the acts and declarations of other co-conspirators, as to . . . [those] specific defendants who are in for only a limited time, to coincide roughly with the period of time that each co-conspirator was a member of the conspiracy." To the extent that the judge found that the Commonwealth's motions did not "reflect the application of [that] point of view" he denied them. Secondly, the judge's instructions to the jury on the subject of remembering limitations were even more thorough than they were in the first trial. He explicitly told the jury that "[i]f you find yourselves in a state of mind where you are unable to recall whether particular evidence was or was not admitted as to a particular defendant or count, then you may not consider that evidence as to that defendant or count. A defendant is to be judged solely on the evidence which you can remember now, with all these limitations, was admitted as to him or it on the particular count as to which you are now or will then be trying to determine his or its innocence or guilt." The defendants' argument that the limitations "formed a senseless pattern" does not withstand analysis. There was no error.

13. It is claimed by Household that it was error for the judge to make a preliminary ruling that it could have been found that McHenry, who had died about a year and one-half before the grand jury returned any of the indictments here involved, and who was not mentioned in the conspiracy indictment, was a co-conspirator in the conspiracy charged in Indictment No. 11908. Barber, Pratt and Local have adopted Household's argument. This issue was raised by them, at the trial, by motions for a mistrial,

which the judge denied. The motions were filed by the 4 defendants after the judge's preliminary ruling.

Household's argument is identical to the one it has levelled against the judge's similar ruling in the first trial, namely that it could have been found that Hanley was a co-conspirator in the conspiracy to bribe Garfinkle charged in Indictment No. 11910. We need not repeat that argument. The facts here are somewhat different, however, inasmuch as the judge found that "[t]he Special Grand Jury which returned . . . Indictment No. 11,908 knew the identity of John L. McHenry, Sr., and of his alleged participation in the alleged conspiracy at the time it returned this indictment." Nonetheless, assuming that there was a variance between the allegations in the indictment and the proof offered at trial, it was not such as to call for a mistrial because, as the judge found in his decision on the motions, "the four (4) Defendants who are parties to the Motions involved . . . have not been prejudiced in their defense or in any other respect by the variance . . . . Nor have they been prejudiced by the action of this Court in respect to any ruling or preliminary finding that the late John L. McHenry, Sr., was a party to the conspiracy alleged in said indictment. (See: G.L. c. 277, § 35)."

14. Household argues that "the trial court erred in failing to recognize that the evidence [in the second trial] reflected two separate conspiracies, rather than the one charged in the indictment; and further erred in the instructions by which the case was submitted to the jury [on the question whether the evidence showed a single conspiracy or multiple conspiracies]." Household raised this point at 4 stages during and following the trial; it formed the basis for several motions filed by Household for a mistrial, a directed verdict, or a new trial. Household's argument on this point has been adopted by Local, Barber, and Pratt.

The issue whether the evidence has shown one conspiracy or several is one of fact which is normally a matter for the jury. *United States* v. *Varelli*, 407 F.2d 735, 746 (7th Cir.). Household does not seem to contest this, but contends that there was insufficient evidence here of a single conspiracy to warrant submitting this question to the jury.

Household emphasizes the testimony of 1 conspirator, Schwartz, that he believed there were 2 separate and distinct plans: one to bribe Hanley in connection with the 1957 rate hearings of the Rate Board, involving payments spread out over 2 years, and the other to influence Hanley's decisions on routine administrative matters involving annual payments beginning in 1959. The fact that 1 conpirator was under the impression that there were 2 conspiracies, rather than 1, is not determinative of whether there was in fact 1 conspiracy or 2. *Coates* v. *United States*, 59 F.2d 173, 174 (9th Cir.). Furthermore, there was evidence to the contrary that the payments made to Hanley in 1957, 1958 and 1959 were for other matters in addition to the 1957 hearings, and that the payments after 1959 were connected with the earlier one. Although the participants in the later payments were not identical to those who had made the earlier payments, this fact does not negate the existence of 1 conspiracy during the entire period. *United States* v. *Varelli*, 407 F.2d 735, 742 (7th Cir.). On the state of the evidence before him, the judge properly submitted the question whether there was a single conspiracy or multiple conspiracies to the jury.

The judge's instruction to the jury that they should acquit all of the defendants if they found that the evidence established the existence of more than 1 conspiracy from January 1, 1957 to May 8, 1964, was likewise correct. Household's objection that it precluded the jury from acquitting less than all of the defendants if they found

that those defendants had not participated in a single conspiracy fails to take into consideration certain other portions of the judge's instructions. The jury was thoroughly cautioned that if they found "beyond a reasonable doubt that there was a single conspiracy as alleged . . . , then they must decide which, if any, of the defendants now on trial were parties to that agreement." The judge told them repeatedly that they "should consider separately from all the other defendants the question of whether . . . [a] defendant did or did not become a party to an agreement to bribe Martin J. Hanley." There was no error.

15. The final issue we deal with concerns Barber's and Pratt's assertions that the judge's instructions to the jury concerning participation in the conspiracy were error. As we have mentioned throughout this opinion no overt act need be shown in furtherance of the conspiracy and the purposes of the consipracy do not have to be carried out. *Commonwealth* v. *Hunt*, 4 Met. 111, 125. *Commonwealth* v. *David*, 335 Mass. 686, 696. The instructions of the judge were identical in all essential respects to the instructions in the first trial and were correct.

All judgments affirmed.

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APPENDIX B.

A List of Individuals and Corporations Involved in COMMONWEALTH VS. HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION & others (No. 14,584) and COMMONWEALTH VS. BENEFICIAL FINANCE COMPANY & others (No. 14,585); "THE FIRST AND SECOND SMALL LOANS TRIALS."

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
AMERICAN INVESTMENT COMPANY OF ILLINOIS: A Delaware corporation having its headquarters in Missouri. It controls several small loans licensees of the Commonwealth through Public Finance Company.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No
BARBER, NATHANIEL W.: Eastern Director of Public Relations for Household Finance Corporation. Successor to Lerch and superior of Pratt.	Guilty Indictment 11900 11910 11896	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes
BEAN, CALVERT I.: Executive of State Loan and Finance Corporation.	No Indictment	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	No
BENEFICIAL FINANCE COMPANY: A Delaware holding company carrying on the business of making small loans in the Commonwealth by means of three Massachusetts business trusts.	Guilty Indictment 11900 11901 11910	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION: A Delaware corporation. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beneficial Finance Company which performs all legal and accounting services for Beneficial Finance Company's three Massachusetts business trusts.	Indicted 11900 11910 but not tried.	Indicted 11908 but not tried.	No
COLEMAN FINANCE COMPANY: A wholly owned subsidiary of Community Finance Company. It is licensed to carry on the business of making small loans in the Commonwealth. Louis Schwartz, as President of Community Finance Company, was principally in control at the time of these cases.	No Indictment	No Indictment	No
COMMUNITY FINANCE COMPANY: A Massachusetts business trust. It is the owner of Coleman Finance Company; President and Trustee—Louis Schwartz.	No Indictment	No Indictment	No

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
ENGLE, WARREN: ..... Public Relations Representative for Household Finance Corporation in Massachusetts and neighboring States; replaced by Pratt; thereafter Engle worked for Liberty Loan Corporation. Lerch was Engle's supervisor at Household Finance Corporation.	No Indictment	Indicted 11908 but not tried.	No
FAMILY FINANCE CORPORATION: ..... A Delaware corporation licensed to engage in small loans business in the Commonwealth.	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11900 11910	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	No
FAMILY FINANCE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION: .... A Delaware corporation.	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11900 11910	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	No
FARRELL, JOHN T.: ..... Vice President and Director of Beneficial Management Corporation; supervisor of the Public Relations Department.	Guilty Indictment 11900 11910 11921	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
GARFINKLE, MORRIS: ..... Member, 1962, Small Loan Regulatory Board.	Guilty Indictment 11974 11923 (ct. 1) 11924 11925-11929 11930 (ct. 1) 11931 (ct. 1) 11932 (ct. 1) 11933 11935 (ct. 1) 11936 (ct.1) 11937 (ct. 1) Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11931 (ct. 2) 11932 (ct. 2) Not Guilty Indictment 11923 (ct. 2) 11930 (ct. 2) 11935 (ct. 2) 11936 (ct. 2) 11937 (ct. 2)	No Indictment	No Died after trial.

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
GLYNN, FRANCIS T.: ..... Director of Public Relations for the Beneficial Finance "System" in the Massachusetts region. He was formerly an employee of Beneficial Management Company.*	Guilty Indictment 11966 11910 11900	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes
GODSHALL, AUSTIN, R.: ..... Public Relations Representative for Family Finance Corporation.	Indicted 11900 11910 but not tried.	No Indictment	No

* Glynn was on the payroll of "Industrial Bankers," one of the three Massachusetts business trusts wholly owned by the Beneficial Finance Company. He received his orders, however, from Farrell, Vice President of Beneficial Management Company.

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
HANLEY, MARTIN J.: ..... Supervisor of Loan Agencies and Deputy Commissioner of Banks; Head of the Small Loans Division for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	Guilty Indictment 11974 11976 11977 11979 11980 (ct. 1) 11981 (ct. 1) 11983 (ct. 1) 11984 (ct. 1) 11985 (ct. 1) 11986 (ct. 1) 11987 (ct. 1) 11989-11992 Not Guilty Indictment 11983 (ct. 2) 11984 (ct. 2) 11985 (ct. 2) 11986 (ct. 2) 11987 (ct. 2) Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11978 11980 (ct.2) 11981 (ct. 2)	Guilty Indictment 10272 10273 (cts. 2, 4) 10275-10282 10284 (ct. 2) 10286 (ct. 2) 11969-11971 (ct. 2 only) 11972 11993 (cts. 3, 4) Not Guilty Indictment 10273 (cts. 1, 3) 10284 (ct. 1) 10286 (ct. 1) 11969-11971 (ct. 1 only) 11993 (cts. 1, 2)	Yes

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
HAUGAN, HAROLD, L.: Director of Public Relations, Vice President, Household Finance Corporation.	Indicted 11900 11910 but not tried.	No Indictment	No
HEATH, WILLIAM F.: Vice President, American Investment Company of Illinois (see also Public Finance Corporation; New England Regional Director of Public Relations.	No Indictment Witness for Commonwealth	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant; Witness for Commonwealth	No
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION: A Delaware corporation licensed to engage in the small loans business in this Commonwealth.	Guilty Indictment 11900 11910 11995	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes
LERCH, MARLIN E.: Eastern Director for Public Relations, Household Finance Corporation.	No Indictment	Indicted 11908 but not tried.	No
LIBERTY LOAN CORPORATION: A Delaware corporation with an ownership interest in Massachusetts business trusts licensed to engage in the business of making small loans in this Commonwealth.	Guilty Indictment 11900 11910 11997	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
LOCAL FINANCE CORPORATION: A Rhode Island corporation which, according to its own brief, owned "almost entirely" seventeen Massachusetts business trusts licensed to engage in the business of making small loans in this Commonwealth; also owner of the Provident Management Company.	No Indictment	Guilty Indictment 11908 Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11996	Yes
McDERMOTT, CHARLES JR.: President, Merchants Acceptance Corporation.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No
McHENRY, L. JOHN SR.: President, Local Finance Corporation.	Died October 28, 1962	———	
MAC MANAGEMENT CORPORATION: A Massachusetts corporation.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No
MERCHANTS ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION: A Massachusetts corporation.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
NEWHALL, EDWARD R.: Frances T. Glynn's predecessor as Director for Public Relations, Beneficial Finance "System," for the Massachusetts region. (See the note included under Glynn's name as to the nature of this position.)	No Indictment	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes
PAUL, DEWITT J.: Chairman of the Board, Beneficial Finance Company.	No Indictment	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	No
PRATT, JAMES S.: New England Regional, Public Relations Representative for Household Finance Corporation; successor to Engle.	Guilty Indictment 11909 11910 11998	Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes
PROVIDENT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION: A foreign corporation, registered to do business in this Commonwealth, wholly owned by Local Finance Corporation. Local Finance Corporation has substantially the same officers and shares the same address in Providence, Rhode Island, as Provident.	No Indictment	No Indictment	No

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
PUBLIC FINANCE CORPORATION: A California corporation, registered to do business in this Commonwealth; controlled by American Investment Company of Illinois; several licensed small loan agencies did business under its name in the Commonwealth.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No
REDFIELD, J. MILLER: Vice President, American Investment Company of Illinois; Heath's immediate supervisor.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant.	No
SCHWARTZ, LOUIS: President and Trustee of Community Finance Company, a Massachusetts business trust licensed to carry on the business of making small loans in the Commonwealth. Schwartz has been described as the largest independent" small loans licensee in the Commonwealth.	No Indictment	Named in Indictment 11908 as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant; Witness for Commonwealth.	No

NAME	*FIRST TRIAL*	*SECOND TRIAL*	*APPEAL*
STATE LOAN AND FINANCE CORPORATION: A Delaware corporation licensed to engage in the business of making small loans in this Commonwealth.	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11900 11910	No Indictment	No
STATE LOAN AND FINANCE MANAGEMENT: A Delaware corporation.	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11900 11910	No Indictment	No
THOMASCH, GORDON, J.: Public Relations Representative for State Loan and Finance Corporation.	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11900 11910	No Indictment	No
WOODCOCK, LYLE S.: Executive Vice President and Director of Liberty Loan Corporation.	Indictment 11900 11910 12032	Directed Verdict; Not Guilty Indictment 11908	Yes

APPENDIX B

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH,
AT BOSTON,

November 4, 1971.

IN THE CASE OF

COMMONWEALTH
v.
BENEFICIAL FINANCE COMPANY & others

pending in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk

ORDERED, that the following entry be made in the docket; viz.,—

All judgments affirmed.

BY THE COURT,
(s) WILLIAM M. CLORAN, ASS'T. CLERK.

November 4, 1971

BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS AND REASONS OF THE DECISION:

See opinion on file.

APPENDIX C

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
No. A-715
LOCAL FINANCE CORPORATION,
PETITIONER,
v.
MASSACHUSETTS.

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

UPON CONSIDERATION of the application of counsel for petitioner,

IT IS ORDERED that the time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari in the above-entitled cause be, and the same is hereby, extended to and including April 2, 1972.

(s) WM. J. BRENNAN
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Dated this 13
day of January, 1972.

APPENDIX D

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK : SS

SUPERIOR COURT
Indictments Nos.
[See Text]

COMMONWEALTH
v.
NATHANIEL W. BARBER,
et als

[R. 10785] ORDER FOR GROUPING AND TRIAL OF CERTAIN DEFENDANTS AND INDICTMENTS, AND DISPOSING OF VARIOUS MOTIONS IN RELATION THERETO.

1. This Order shall apply to all of the following fifteen Defendants and twenty-one Indictments unless otherwise stated:

Names of Defendants	*Indictments Nos.*
Nathaniel W. Barber	11,908
Calvert I. Bean	11,908
Beneficial Finance Co.	11,908
Family Finance Corporation	11,908
Family Finance Management Corporation	11,908
John M. Farrell	11,908
Francis T. Glynn	11,908
Martin J. Hanley	(10,272, 10,273, 10,275 through (10,284, 10,286, 11,968 through (11,972, and 11,993.
Household Finance Corporation	11,908
Liberty Loan Corporation	11,908
Local Finance Corporation	11,908, 11,996.
Edward R. Newhall	11,908
DeWitt J. Paul	11,908
James S. Pratt	11,908
Lyle S. Woodcock	11,908

2. The *MOTIONS FOR SPEEDY TRIAL* filed by the following Defendants are hereby *ALLOWED*:

(a) The Motion of the defendant *MARTIN J. HANLEY* as to Indictments Nos.: 10,272, 10,273, 10,275 through 10,284, 10,286, 11,968 through 11,972, and 11,-993;

(b) The Motion of the defendant *LIBERTY LOAN CORPORATION* as to Indictment No. 11,908; and

(c) The Motion of the defendant *LYLE S. WOOD-COCK* as to Indictment No. 11,908.

[R. 10786] 3. The *MOTIONS FOR SEVERANCE* and *MOTION FOR SEPARATE TRIAL* filed by the following Defendants as to Indictment No. 11,908 are hereby *DENIED*:

(a) The *MOTIONS FOR SEVERANCE* filed by each of the defendants *CALVERT I. BEAN, LIBERTY LOAN CORPORATION, LOCAL FINANCE CORPORATION*, and *LYLE S. WOODCOCK*; and

(b) The *MOTION FOR SEPARATE TRIAL* filed by the defendant *CALVERT I. BEAN*.

4. The Motion filed by the Commonwealth on March 30, 1967, entitled "*MOTION FOR JOINDER OR GROUPING FOR TRIAL*" is hereby *ALLOWED*; and it is hereby *ORDERED* that the twenty-one (21) indictments the numbers of which are listed in Par. 1. above of this document be tried together in a single trial as to all of the Defendants named therein who have heretofore been arraigned; such Defendants being those fifteen (15) persons and corporations also listed in said Par. 1. above. On April 20, 1967, the defendant Martin J. Hanley filed a document entitled "*MOTION FOR GROUPING*" reading as follows:

"Now comes the defendant herein and moves that the Commonwealth's motion for grouping be allowed."

Despite its title, that document appears to be a written assent to the allowance of the Commonwealth's earlier "*MOTION FOR JOINDER OR GROUPING FOR TRIAL.*" However, if such document filed by the defendant Hanley should be treated as a separate and independent Motion requiring action thereon, the same is hereby *ALLOWED.*

5. It is hereby *ORDERED* that the trial of all of the Defendants named and Indictments listed in Par. 1. above, and hereinabove ordered to be tried together in a single trial, shall be held at the Superior Court at Boston, in and for the County of Suffolk, starting at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, July 5, 1967.

[R. 10787] 6. The Motions heretofore filed by the defendants *NATHANIEL W. BARBER, BENEFICIAL FINANCE CO., HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION,* and *JAMES S. PRATT* for continuance of the trial of the Indictments described in Par. 1. above until after the disposition of certain cases now pending before the Supreme Judicial Court are hereby *DENIED.*

7. It is hereby *ORDERED* that the trial of the Defendants named and Indictments listed in Par. 1. above be subject to the provisions of *G.L. (Ter. Ed.), c. 278, ss. 33A through 33G,* as amended.

8. The Motions entitled "*RENEWAL OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR INSPECTION OF GRAND JURY AND CRIME COMMISSION TESTIMONY*" filed by each of the defendants *LIBERTY LOAN CORPORATION* and *LYLE S. WOODCOCK* as to Indictment No. 11,908, are hereby *DENIED;* such denial being without prejudice to the right of such Defendants to file similar Motions with

reference to any person who may be called as a witness at the trial of said Indictment.

(s) FRANCIS J. QUIRICO
Francis J. Quirico
Justice of the Superior Court

ENTERED:
May 17, 1967.
F I L E D
May 17, 1967.

APPENDIX E

Condensation of the Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts [*]

[A-1] Spiegel, J. We have before us appeals emanating from 2 separate series of indictments and 2 separate jury trials of various individual and corporate defendants.

All of these appeals were taken under G.L. c. 278, §§ 33A-33G, and are before us because of the convictions of a number of individuals and corporations. The corporations convicted in the first trial were Beneficial Finance Company (Beneficial), Household Finance Corporation (Household) and Liberty Loan Corporation (Liberty). The individuals convicted in the first trial were John M. Farrell, Francis T. Glynn, Nathaniel W. Barber, James S. Pratt, Lyle S. Woodcock, Morris Garfinkle and Martin J. Hanley. In the second trial the corporate defendants convicted were Beneficial, Household and Local Finance Corporation (Local). The individuals convicted in the second trial were Hanley, Farrell, Glynn, Barber, Pratt and Edward R. Newhall.

[* Counsel submit that the following condensation of the Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court contains all portions of said Opinion which were relevant to the appeal of Local Finance Corporation. Page numbers in brackets refer to Appendix A, *supra*].

These cases have become generally known as the "small loans" cases. In each case the defendants were charged with various offences under numerous indictments returned in 1964 by a special grand jury. The offences charged were [A-2] offering or paying, or soliciting or receiving, bribes, or conspiring to do so. . . . These indictments were presented to the special grand jury as a result of an investigation developed by the Massachusetts Crime Commission (Commission). The Commission was specifically created by the Legislature "to investigate and study as a basis for legislative action the existence and extent of organized crime within the Commonwealth and corrupt practices in government at state and local levels." Resolves of 1962, c. 146, approved July 27, 1962.

Some insight into the sheer detail involved in reviewing the proceedings may be gleaned from the fact that "[p]re-trial motions on these indictments were heard for sixty-five court days ending May 9, 1966. The transcript of the pre-trial proceedings covers 4,730 pages. The decisions disposing of the various motions cover almost 700 pages. . . . [After hearing the judge made extensive findings and rulings on the pre-trial motions.] . . . .

* * *

[A-3] The second trial began on July 17, 1967, and required 222 trial days (over a period of about 12 months). Twenty-one of the indictments were grouped for the trial. The transcript of this trial consists of 223 volumes containing more than 11,800 pages. Collectively (pre-trial and both cases), the defendants took more than 5,400 exceptions and assign about 700 numbered multiple assignments of error. The findings, rulings and decisions of the judge (covering all proceedings) contain more than 1,400 printed pages.

The evidence in the second trial, set out in detail in the subsequent portion of this opinion, tends to show that over a period of some 7 years (1957-1963) a number of small loans companies (including the corporate defendants), together with a number of their officers and employees (including the individual defendants named in the conspiracy indictment), allegedly conspired to bribe Hanley. His office as a public official clothed him with extensive powers to approve or disapprove the activities of small loans companies doing business in the Commonwealth. The bribes were alleged to have been paid to Hanley over this period to induce Hanley (1) to approve various requests pertaining to routine matters; (2) to refrain from taking action adverse to certain of the defendants and co-conspirators at rate hearings held during 1957; and (3) to obtain approval of various changes in small loans regulations.

Although these cases were argued consecutively, some of the issues involved necessarily overlapped. The pre-trial issues in both cases were argued jointly. In the interest of lucidity and conciseness this opinion consists of 3 parts.

[A-4] First, we treat with the pre-trial issues raised by all or some of the defendants whether in the first or second trials. Subsequently we deal with specific issues raised in the first trial and finally with issues raised during the second trial. . . .

Prior to dealing with the issues involved in these appeals, we believe it to be opportune and fitting to make some general observations.

Many of the exceptions are but conglomerate fragments which are obviously of little, if any, merit but in any event are not worthy of discussion and would merely

serve to needlessly clutter this opinion. Others present a facade of substantial issues, but when considered in depth, present no problem requiring our comment. Others may show some technical error but are, at best, harmless. We have endeavored to consider and to give scrupulous attention to every assignment of error argued by the defendants. If some assignment of error is not specifically referred to in this opinion, a conclusion that we did not reflect on it would be far from accurate. We recognize the formidable task facing defendants' counsel, as well as the prosecution, in arguing these appeals. We commend counsel for the defendants, as well as counsel for the Commonwealth, for the excellence of their briefs and their obvious devotion to the task confronting them. The briefs filed and the oral arguments of counsel were noteworthy and of valuable assistance to us in the writing of this opinion.

In the case of *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, 353 Mass. 236, 239, we indicated that defendants' counsel were vigilant throughout a lengthy first trial in their efforts to protect the rights of the defendants. This has been equally true throughout the second trial. However, it should be borne in mind that although "a defendant is entitled to a fair trial, [A-5] he is not guaranteed a perfect one. *Root* v. *Cunningham*, 344 F. 2d 1, 3 (4th Cir.). *Johns* v. *Smyth*, 176 F. Supp. 949, 952 (E. D. Va.)." *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, *supra*, at 240.

PART I.

Pre-Trial Issues.

All but two of the pre-trial issues raised have been argued extensively by Household. The other defendants in many instances confined their arguments to an adoption of Household's. For this reason, these issues may be most efficiently dealt with by treating with them as argued by Household, listing for each issue the other defendants who

have adopted Household's argument on the specific issue. We deal finally with the pre-trial issues which have been raised separately by other defendants and which are not covered in the Household brief.

Household raises 3 issues attacking the validity of the indictments because of the various aspects of the method by which evidence was presented to the special grand jury.

1. The first of these is the allegation that "[t]he indictments were invalid because legislative agents, paid by legislative funds, utilized a legislative investigation to prepare and develop a case for presentation to the special grand jury and then presented that case in violation of [art. 30 of] the Declaration of Rights." Beneficial, Liberty, Local, Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Farrell, Woodcock and Newhall have all adopted Household's argument on this point. It was raised in the pre-trial proceedings by motions to dismiss filed by 6 corporate defendants. The judge heard 17 witnesses and admitted in evidence 26 exhibits relative thereto. He made extensive findings of fact and rulings of law and denied the various motions.

First, Household argues that at the time of its investigation into the small loans companies the Commission was preoccupied with law enforcement rather than remedial legislation to an extent that was in derogation of art. 30 and [A-6] its mandate "to investigate and study *as a basis for legislative action*" (emphasis supplied). This objection was raised in the case of *Gardner* v. *Massachusetts Turnpike Authy.* 347 Mass. 552. There, the respondents cited the Third Report of the Commission (cited also by Household here) in support of a similar contention. We rejected it, holding that "[t]he practice of the Commission as to use of the evidence to convict wrongdoers does not take its program outside the resolve [expressly

authorizing the Commission to submit evidence to the Attorney General or other law enforcement agency] or violate art. 30. . . . [W]e think that the respondents show no more than a commission determined to be effective in its assigned legislative task of the discovery of corruption in government and, in connection therewith, rightly and lawfully dealing with evidence of corruption which that task brings to light." P. 558. Similarly, in the case of *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 101-102, we held this same report consistent with the Commission's legislative function.

Household argues that these cases are not dispositive because it has presented the court with much more evidence of "the Commission's drive to expose, indict and punish" than was present in the records of those cases. However, the evidence to which it refers (statements from Commission reports and from the minutes of the Commission meetings, as well as statements made by the Chairman of the Commission under various circumstances) was also cited to the judge. They are contained or referred to in the judge's findings of fact. In dealing with them he noted that the statements, taken in context, "are coupled with further language which indicates clearly that the Commission recognizes that it has no power or authority to conduct criminal prosecutions, that such power and authority is vested in the Attorney General, and that it is speaking in terms of cooperating with the Attorney General in submitting evidence [A-7] of criminal activity to him for his decision whether he will prosecute." On this basis the judge concluded that "[t]he Commission never stated, contended, or took the position that it had the authority, power, or duty to prosecute persons shown by its investigations to have committed crimes. . . . The Commission, which belonged to the Legislative Branch of the government of the Commonwealth, did not exercise, or

attempt to exercise, any powers of the Executive Branch in the matter of the enforcement of the criminal laws, the prosecution of criminal offenses, or in any other matter." This conclusion is supported by the evidence as a whole and is dispositive of the issue of the claimed inconsistency between the Commission's concern with the indictment and conviction of lawbreakers exposed by its investigations and its primary legislative purpose.

Secondly, Household attempts to demonstrate that the Commission improperly dominated the grand jury proceedings through the medium of Mr. Simonds, who was simultaneously investigating the case as an agent of the Commission while he presented the evidence to the grand jury as a special assistant attorney general. The findings of the judge on the conduct and control of the grand jury proceedings, however, clearly bring this point within the holding in *Commonwealth* v. *Favulli*, 352 Mass. 95, 102-103, that participation of the Commission in grand jury proceedings was not improper as long as control remained in the Attorney General. These findings establish, as in the *Favulli* case, that the decision to present the matter to the grand jury was that of the Attorney General and that he at all times "conducted and controlled the presentation of this case to the Special Grand Jury." The judge found that the Attorney General exercised this control through his assistants Mr. Skinner and Mr. Travers, the latter being directly in charge. The function of Mr. Simonds, as special assistant to the [A-8] Attorney General, was only "[to assist] to the extent required by [Mr.] Travers."

Since the relevant question is *power* and not *participation* and since the judge's findings establish that *power* with respect to the grand jury proceedings rested at all times in duly authorized members of the Executive Branch other than Mr. Simonds, there is no significance in a pos-

sible "merger of the powers" in the person of Mr. Simonds. Furthermore, any such inference is precluded by the judge's finding, amply supported by the evidence, that Mr. Simonds's appointment as a special assistant attorney general "was an appointment in fact and in law; and it was not a sham to enable the Crime Commission to present evidence directly to a Grand Jury." "In appearing before the Special Grand Jury, [Mr.] Simonds did so as a Special Assistant Attorney General, under the direction and control of the Attorney General; and not as counsel for the Commission."

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[A-13] 4. Household focuses its pre-trial objections on an even earlier stage in the proceedings: the selection of the special grand jury which returned the indictments. Household raises 2 objections to the procedure used, the first being that "the jury lists from which the jurors were drawn were prepared in violation of the requirements of the statutes of this Commonwealth and of the Constitution[s] of the United States and this Commonwealth." Household's argument, which is directed also at the array of petit jurors in the 2 trials, has been adopted by Beneficial, Liberty, Local, Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Farrell, Woodcock, Hanley and Newhall. It was raised on numerous occasions by Household and other defendants prior to and during both trials by pleas in abatement, challenges to the array of grand and petit jurors, challenges to the panel of talesmen, motions for a lawful jury, and motions to discharge venire, all of which were unsuccessful. The judge on at least 1 occasion held a hearing on the factual allegations made therein. With respect to other pleas, the evidence was stipulated. Following a hearing held on certain "pleas in abatement and challenges to the array of grand jurors alleging that they were drawn from lists of registered voters in violation of applicable

statutes," the judge made extensive [A-14] findings of fact, which are summarized below. Although these findings deal only with the procedure used to prepare the 1963 jury list for the city of Boston, from which 22 of the 23 members of the grand jury were picked, that procedure involves all the features which the defendants allege are in violation of statute and of the Federal Constitution in the drawing up of the lists from which the grand and both petit juries were chosen. No other procedure need therefore be detailed.

The 1963 jury list for the city of Boston contained about 9,000 names, of which about 3,000 were not carried forward from prior lists. To obtain these 3,000 names the Boston board of election commissioners (election board) started from the current list of registered Boston voters, containing 309,082 names, and picked 18,000 names from it according to a random selection process which is not here under attack. The names picked were then narrowed down to 3,000 by eliminating those exempted from service by G. L. c. 234, § 1; those over the age of 65 and under the age of 25;[3] women who requested to be excused under G. L. c. 234, § 4; Federal, State and county employees who requested to be excused; and others who so requested or for whom requests were made by public office holders on the ground of economic hardship.

The election board had available to it but did not use as a source for the jury list the 1963 police list for Boston, which contained the names of persons resident in Boston as of January 1, 1963, of age 20 or over who were not registered voters. The list contained 438,776 names, 129,694 more than the list of registered voters. Of these, the judge found that 11% (48,265) were not qualified to vote and therefore were ineligible for jury duty, without esti-

[3] Those under the age of 25 and over the age of 70 are exempt by G.L. c. 234, § 1.

mating the number in addition who were exempt from duty under [A-15] G. L. c. 234, § 1. The election board used the voter list in preference to the police list because it felt that if the police list were used "it would result in a larger number or percentage of those summoned being rejected or eliminated for lack of qualifications to serve as jurors than would be the case if the list of registered voters were used."

First, Household argues that the election board's use of the list of registered voters as a source rather than the police list violated G. L. c. 234, § 1, as amended through St. 1949, c. 349, § 1, which provides in relevant part that, "A person of either sex qualified to vote for representative to the general court, whether a registered voter or not, shall be liable to serve as a juror." We agree with the judge, however, that § 1 is not mandatory and adopt his ruling that "[a]lthough *c. 234, § 1,* fixes the outer limits of the group of persons *'liable'* for jury service, it does not require or compel the persons charged with responsibility for preparing annual jury lists to include thereon persons from every group, class, or category of persons liable for jury service. . . . [A]lthough the Board did not avail itself of the largest group available, or of the longest list of names available, when it used the list of registered voters as the source of the names of persons placed on the 1963 Jury List, it did not thereby violate the applicable statutes."

Such a reading of § 1 does not make the 1924 (St. 1924, c. 311, § 1) amendment, which adds qualified but non-registered voters, "ineffective," as Household argues. The amendment permitted the election board, by drawing from such a pool, to compile a jury list containing names of people who before the amendment would have been ineligible to serve. Since 1967, the election board has in fact used the police list as its source for the jury list.

Secondly, Household argues that the election board's [A-16] elimination of 15,000 names from its list of 18,000 was improper because some people were automatically excluded who were not within the legally exempt categories listed in § 1, and some were excluded at their own request or the request of others for whose exclusion there was no statutory basis. However, the categories of exempt persons in § 1 are not preclusive. The defendants cannot complain that some public employees were excluded at their own request since they have shown no harm stemming from this practice. In addition, the judge specifically found that Federal, State, county and city employees were represented on the jury list. Nor was it improper to exclude some persons at their own request, or that of public officeholders, when, as the judge found, on adequate evidence, the reason for their exclusion was the economic hardship which jury service would entail.

In reducing the list from 18,000 to 3,000, there is no evidence that the election board abused the discretion clearly left to it by the statutory scheme. The statute does not mandate a specific procedure, but simply lists persons eligible and exempt, and from this group directs the election board to prepare a list of persons "of good moral character [and] of sound judgment" whom it determines to be qualified. G. L. c. 234, § 4, as amended through St. 1955, c. 38, § 1.

Finally, Household claims that the jury chosen as a result of the procedure used was substantially different in composition from that which would have resulted had it been drawn from the police list and had only those legally exempt or unsuited in character been excluded. For this reason it is argued that the procedure was constitutionally defective. This contention fails because, as the judge ruled, the defendants have not proved "that there has been any systematic or intentional exclusion of any

economic, social, religious, racial, political, or geographical group in the [A-17] community."[4] *Ballard* v. *United States*, 329 U. S. 187, 195. *Hoyt* v. *Florida*, 368 U. S. 57, 59. *Swain* v. *Alabama*, 380 U. S. 202. *Young* v. *United States*, 212 F. 2d 236, 238 (D. C. Cir.). *Dow* v. *Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.* 224 F. 2d 414, 425 (3d Cir.). *Commonwealth* v. *Slaney*, 350 Mass. 400, 402. The notion that unregistered voters constitute such a class was rejected in *Gorin* v. *United States*, 313 F. 2d 641 (1st Cir.), in language which is thoroughly applicable to this issue and which was quoted at length by the judge: The mere fact that a different method of selection might have resulted in a jury made up somewhat differently in no way implies that the method used did not yield "a cross-section of the community," which is all that the Constitution requires. *Commonwealth* v. *Ricard*, 355 Mass. 509, 512. *Thiel* v. *Southern Pac. Co.* 328 U. S. 217, 220.

The judge determined that the elaborate statistical tables prepared from published lists by an expert for the defendants and designed to compare the composition of the 1963 jury list, the 1963 registered voter list, and the 1963 police list did not present sufficient evidence on which to base any findings on this point. It was within his discretion not to be convinced by these tables, no matter how carefully and accurately they may have been drawn as a matter of statistical analysis. In light of his extensive discussion of them in his rulings, we are unable to discern any substance to the argument that the judge dismissed them peremptorily.

Likewise, the judge acted within his discretion in refusing to admit similar tables based on interviews with persons not before the court. The defendants concede that the tables were based on hearsay evidence and can point

[4] The further issues of whether the defendants have standing to raise this argument and whether they must, in any event, show prejudice need not be reached.

to no statute or case in this Commonwealth requiring their admission. [A-18] The fact that some commentators have recommended admissions of properly conducted surveys, and that some courts in other jurisdictions have admitted them, does not mean that the judge here was in error in excluding tables based on data from a private survey specifically conducted in behalf of the defendants.

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[A-22] 6. Household and several other defendants argue that the joinder of indictments in both the first and second trials was prejudicial to them and that their various pretrial motions for severance should have been granted.[6] The groupings were as follows: Forty-nine indictments involving a total of 16 defendants were joined in the first trial. These contained conspiracy charges and substantive charges against several finance companies and individuals for bribing Hanley, or, alternatively, Garfinkle; conspiracy [A-23] charges against Hanley and Garfinkle; and felony charges against Hanley and Garfinkle separately for requesting and accepting bribes. This grouping was the result of a motion for joinder filed by the Commonwealth. After hearing, the judge allowed the motion on March 25, 1966.

The joinder at the second trial was the result of a similar motion by the Commonwealth. This grouping consisted of 1 conspiracy indictment against 6 corporations and 8 individuals, 1 substantive indictment for bribery against Local alone, and 19 substantive indictments against Hanley relating to his requesting and accepting gifts and gratuities.

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[6] Other motions for severance were made during both trials after the judge had expanded the limitations on certain portions of the evidence to include certain defendants against whom such portions had not originally been admitted. The issue raised by these motions, which question the validity of expanding limitations in this manner, is dealt with in the conduct of the trial section of this opinion, *infra*, 170. To the extent that the defendants have raised this issue in connection with their pre-trial motions for severance, we deal with it here.

The defendants Household, Beneficial, Liberty, Woodcock and Local have severally argued a total of 4 grounds to support their contention that the joinder in 1 or both trials was improper, and that severance along the lines that they sought should have been granted. Barber and Pratt have adopted Household's arguments with respect to both trials. We deal seriatim with the 4 grounds raised, identifying with respect to each ground the defendants who have raised it.

The first ground alleged, as expressed by the defendants Liberty and Woodcock in their consolidated brief covering the first trial, is that "[t]rying the defendants with others on an indictment of conspiracy gave unfair tactical advantage to the prosecution in that a substantial amount of prejudicial evidence was presented to the jury which was inadmissible against these defendants." Local makes a similar argument with respect to the second trial grouping, alleging in addition that although other defendants were also prejudiced by the joinder Local should have a new trial even if the other defendants do not "because certain items of prejudicial evidence . . . were not only damaging in the extreme, but were also unique as to Local."

[A-24] It is true that joinder of conspiracy indictments with substantive indictments allowed evidence to be admitted against some defendants which was inadmissible as to others. However, this fact is not in and of itself enough to compel severance. *Commonwealth* v. *Sacco*, 255 Mass. 369, 413. *Commonwealth* v. *Bingham*, 158 Mass. 169, 171. *Katz* v. *United States*, 321 F. 2d 7, 8 (1st Cir.). *Caton* v. *United States*, 407 F. 2d 367, 372 (8th Cir.). At the time of the trial, joinder of conspiracy and substantive indictments was permissible.[7]

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[7] This practice has since been prohibited by G.L. c. 278, § 2A, which we held nonretroactive in *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , (Mass. Adv. Sh. [1970] 619, 633-634).

[A-26] We have dealt separately with all the grounds stated. We are aware of the disadvantages accruing to the defendants from joinder, and cited to us as reasons why joinder was improper. We believe that our foregoing discussion demonstrates that none of them standing alone requires severance. The question then remains whether the judge, in considering the disadvantages cumulatively, was compelled to grant severance. It is our view that it was for the judge to weigh all the factors, which were reasonably foreseeable, against the probable benefits of joinder as sought by the Commonwealth. The decision was for him to make as matter of discretion, and we reverse him only if there has been "a clear abuse of discretion"—that is, "[i]f it clearly appear[ed] . . . that . . . [the] defendant . . . [would] not receive a fair trial without a severance when all the circumstances . . . [were] [A-27] considered in the light of sound judicial discretion and common sense." *Baker* v. *United States*, 329 F. 2d 786, 787 (10th Cir.). *Johnson* v. *United States*, 356 F. 2d 680, 682 (8th Cir.). *Commonwealth* v. *Geary*, 352 Mass. 427, 431. *Commonwealth* v. *Fancy*, 349 Mass. 196, 204-205. *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, 353 Mass. 236, 240-241. "The protection of defendants' rights . . . , while of paramount importance, cannot be considered without reference to the orderly transaction of judicial business. . . . The judge had to consider . . . the cost to the public of a multiplicity of trials." *Barber* v. *Commonwealth*, *supra*, at 240. The Commonwealth, in asking for joinder in the first trial, stated the following grounds: (1) the indictments pertained to the same basic factual transaction, involving the same witnesses, and grouping them would therefore provide a workable and not unduly long trial (see *Commonwealth* v. *Maloney*, 348 Mass. 610, 613); (2) there was a logical nexus among the witnesses and the defendants; (3) complexity and hardship on the defendants would be avoided; and (4) there was a near

coincidence of dates and time spans covering the allegations of criminal conduct. Similar grounds could have been cited to support the second trial grouping. Weighing these considerations against the disadvantages to the defendants arising from joinder, from the point of view of the judge when he decided to grant the Commonwealth's motions, and even in the light of hindsight, we believe that the defendants have not demonstrated sufficient prejudice to them to override the overwhelming benefits of joinder. There was no abuse of the judge's discretion.

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[A-29] 8. Three of the 4 foreign corporate defendants, Beneficial, Liberty, and Local, have raised the issue whether [A-30] the court could exercise jurisdiction over them, and even if it could, whether service of process was properly made on them. Liberty and Local rely on Beneficial's statement of the applicable legal principles, detailing separately only their particular corporate structures against which they would have such principles applied, and the agent on whom service was made. The issue was raised by special appearances, pleas to the jurisdiction and motions to quash process filed separately by the 3 corporate defendants and others. Hearings were held on the various pleas, on which the judge made extensive findings of fact relative to the corporate defendants "doing business" in Massachusetts and to the agents on whom process was served. In each case the judge concluded that the court could exercise jurisdiction and that service had been properly made.

We agree with the judge's rejection of the defendants' preliminary argument "that Massachusetts cannot in any event acquire jurisdiction over them in any criminal case for the simple reason that it has no statute providing therefor, or giving the Court such jurisdiction." We think it is irrefutable, as the judge held, that "having jurisdiction over the offense charged, . . . the Court need not rely on

any statute. It has many powers not found in express language of statutes." See *Commonwealth* v. *New York Cent. & H. R. R.R.*, 206 Mass. 417, 428-429; *Crocker* v. *Justices of Superior Court*, 208 Mass. 162, 171-172.

The second part of the defendants' argument on the question of jurisdiction is that they, the parent companies, were not doing sufficient business in Massachusetts to enable a Massachusetts court to exercise jurisdiction over them, as opposed to the subsidiary business trusts through which all 3 operated in this Commonwealth. However, we see the question of jurisdiction as indistinguishable from that whether under relevant principles of corporate responsibility, applied to the participation of agents of each corporate [A-31] defendant in the offenses charged, the particular corporate defendant may be held accountable. If under the applicable substantive law a foreign corporation is responsible for the acts of individuals which constituted a crime in this Commonwealth, it is inconsistent with the inherent power of a court to prosecute criminal offenders to insulate the corporation from liability on the basis of the manner in which the corporation generally runs its affairs.[8] Of

[8] The defendants' argument on this point is barren of merit. This is reflected by 2 separate proposed drafts of the American Law Institute. The Am. Law Inst., Model Penal Code, § 1.03 (1) (Proposed Final Draft, 1962) provides in pertinent part: "Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a person [including by definition a corporation] may be convicted under the law of this State of an offense committed by his own conduct *or the conduct of another for which he is legally accountable if:* . . . (c) conduct occurring outside the State is sufficient under the law of this State to constitute a conspiracy to commit an offense within the State and an overt act in furtherance of such conspiracy occurs within the State" (emphasis supplied). Restatement 2d: Foreign Relations Law of the United States, § 18, provides: "A state has jurisdiction to prescribe a rule of law attaching legal consequences to conduct that occurs outside its territory and causes an effect within its territory, if either (a) the conduct and its effect are generally recognized as constituent elements of a crime or tort under the law of states that have reasonably developed legal systems, or (b) (i) the conduct and its effect are constituent elements of activity to which the rule applies; (ii) the effect within the territory

course, the general corporate structure and its operational features are highly relevant to the question whether the acts of a given individual, who is formally the employee of 1 or of several subsidiary members of the network, may be attributed to the parent corporation. However, that network [A-32] and structure in and of itself is not conclusive on the question of jurisdiction.

There is no need to further discuss the findings of the judge as to the corporate structures of the 3 defendants, or their arguments that the judge erroneously held that these structures established sufficient contacts with the Commonwealth to warrant the exercise of jurisdiction. We refer instead to that part of the opinion, *infra*, 78, wherein we deal with the corporate defendants' responsibility for the acts of their agents in this Commonwealth in furtherance of the conspiracy and discuss the corporate network of the several defendants to the extent that it is relevant.

Finally, we discern no substance to the defendants' claim that service was improperly made. Once power in the court is established, it may be implemented by any appropriate means. G.L. c. 220, § 2. The summonses used in this case were appropriate and sufficient to give the defendants fair notice of the indictments against them, as required by due process of law. *Commonwealth* v. *New York Cent. & H. R. R.R.*, 206 Mass. 417, 429. *United States* v. *Standard Oil Co.*, 154 Fed. 728, 731 (W. D. Tenn.). See *International Shoe Co.* v. *Washington*, 326 U.S. 310, 316.

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is substantial; (iii) it occurs as a direct and foreseeable result of the conduct outside the territory; and (iv) the rule is not inconsistent with the principles of justice generally recognized by states that have reasonably developed legal systems."

The above simply reflect the elementary rule that a jurisdiction has inherent power to prosecute those who reside outside of its jurisdictional boundaries and commit a crime within its boundaries. Thus, the only question that remains is the evidentiary matter of ascribing the acts of the defendants, who committed overt acts inside the Commonwealth, to the corporations on whose behalf they acted.

The only requirement that remains is that service be on appropriate agents of the defendants,[9] and the judge's findings cover this matter. In the case of Beneficial, one Frank J. McCann, trustee of all 3 of the Massachusetts business trusts, vice-president of Beneficial Management Corporation and supervising director for all of Beneficial's Massachusetts loan offices, was [A-33] served. In the case of Liberty, service was made on the divisional supervisor of the 15 Massachusetts business trusts through which it did business in Massachusetts. Similarly, in the case of Local, it was made on the district supervisor of the New England division of Provident Management Corporation, a subsidiary of Local which controlled the operations of the Massachusetts loan offices. We see no basis for reversing the judge's determination that each of these 3 men was a proper agent for service on the parent corporation.

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[A-136] PART III

THE SECOND TRIAL

A. *THE EVIDENCE*

In the opening statement of this opinion we explained that the evidence in the first trial centered around 1 particular event — the payment of bribe money to "fix" the 1962 rate hearings, whereas the evidence in the second trial covers a 7 year period during which Hanley was continuously paid money to bestow various favors upon the small loans companies.

Stated in its aspect most favorable to the Common-

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[9] General Laws c. 223, § 38, provides that service on a foreign corporation may be made as provided in § 37 on domestic corporations. Section 37 (as amended through St. 1962, c. 750, § 71), in part provides that service may be made on "the president, treasurer, clerk, cashier, secretary, agent or other officer in charge of its business." The judge correctly held that these sections were applicable only to civil actions. Therefore, service here is governed by the more flexible principle of due process as well as the general provisions of G.L. c. 220, § 2. See G.L. c. 223A, § 6.

wealth,[69] this evidence is summarized as follows:[70] During [A-137] the period covered by these indictments (1957-1963) different statutory limitations were imposed upon the making of "small loans." Before 1956, the law required that any person engaging in the business of making loans of $300 or less had first to obtain a license from the Commissioner of Banks. G.L. c. 140, § 96 (as amended through St. 1941, c. 158, § 1). In 1956 this statute was amended to apply to loans of $1,500 or less, and as we have seen, the limitation was extended to cover loans of $3,000 or less in 1962.

The Commissioner of Banks also had the power to establish regulations governing the granting of "small loans" licenses and the business conducted by the licensees. Licenses are granted for a 1 year period and at least once during the year the affairs of the licensees must be investigated. G.L. c. 140, § 97. All licensees must make a return to the Commissioner showing a trial balance of the books of the licensee "with such other information as may be called for by the commissioner in accordance with a blank form to be furnished by him." G.L. c. 140, § 98. In order to assist him in carrying out these statutory functions, the Commissioner of Banks also has the power to appoint a deputy as supervisor of loan agencies. Hanley was appointed supervisor of loan agencies in February, 1950, and remained in this position at all times material to this case.

On October 1, 1953, comprehensive regulations govern-

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[69] A diligent examination of the transcript reveals that many of the facts set out in the Commonwealth's brief are accurately stated and therefore we have adopted portions therefrom.

[70] The same method for designating limitations on evidence and subsequent admissions as was used in reciting the facts in the first trial is used here. The following symbols refer to the defendants in this trial: H = Household; B = Beneficial; L = Local; G = Glynn; F = Farrell; N = Newhall; P = Pratt; Br = Barber; Hly = Hanley.

ing the small loans business became effective. These regulations established a license fee of $200 and specified the form of license application. The regulations state that "[t]he total amount to be paid on any loans for interest and expenses shall not, in the aggregate, exceed an amount equivalent to 2% a month for a period terminating not [A-138] later than one year after maturity, and to 6% per annum after the termination of said year, on the amount actually received by the borrower, computed on the unpaid balance."

The regulations vest substantial powers in the office of the supervisor to superintend the small loans industry. They provide that "[n]o change in the location of a licensed business shall take place without the prior written approval of the supervisor," and require that notice of changes of office managers be filed with the supervisor. In addition "[a]ll forms used in connection with the making and recording of loans . . . must have the prior approval of the supervisor." On or before November 1 of each year licensees are required to file an annual report "on a form furnished by the supervisor." Advertising material of the licensees was also regulated and ordinarily decided upon by the supervisor. In 1960, these regulations were amended. The amendments followed a number of meetings and public hearings held during the year 1960, and were preceded by temporary revisions.[71]

The division of loan agencies, of which Hanley was the supervisor, also had as its general responsibility the examination of licensees, the enforcement of consumer credit laws and regulations, and the general protection of the borrowing public. Within the division, the supervisor decided whether an applicant would be licensed and approval by the Commissioner of this decision was generally

[71] H, L, B, G. This limitation applies only to material in the sentence footnoted.

routine. The examinations of licensees by the division were conducted once a year by 26 examiners. An examiner was required to visit each of the licensed loan offices to check for overcharges or any violations of the law or the regulations.

During the years involved in these indictments there [A-139] were approximately 325 licensed lending offices in the Commonwealth. About 70% of these offices were so called "chain offices" — offices controlled by the same individual or company. The principal chain companies were Beneficial, Household and Public, which were known as "The Big 3," plus Seaboard Finance, Liberty Loan, and Local Finance Corporation. "The Big 3" had approximately 138 offices, of which Beneficial had 58 and Household and Public about 40 each.

At this point, we believe it helpful to identify the individual and corporate defendants as well as other companies and persons involved in the second trial.

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[A-140] Local owned, during the years 1957 through 1963, approximately 14 subsidiaries which were licensed to engage in the consumer loan business in the Commonwealth. From 1957 through 1962, one John McHenry, Sr., was the president of Local and the man who "ran the corporation." [80] He was in charge of its business and was responsible for public relations and trade associations. It was also his responsibility to deal with public officials. During the early part of this period one Michael E. Sands was assistant treasurer and chief auditor of Local.[81]

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[A-141] Another important witness for the Commonwealth was one Louis Schwartz. Schwartz was president and trus-

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[80] McHenry died before the start of the trial.

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tee of Community Finance Company (Community) during the years here involved. Community was a Massachusetts trust that wholly owned a subsidiary corporation, Coleman Finance Company (Coleman). Coleman held 3 Massachusetts small loans licenses during the years 1957 through the fall of 1963. Schwartz made the policies of Coleman at all times material to this case.

Other individuals involved in the evidence in this trial are Woodcock of Liberty and one Calvert Bean, a high executive of Preferred Finance and State Loan and Finance Corporation.

In 1957, the Rate Board held rate hearings.[83] These hearings were held in the fall.[84] In December of 1956, or January, 1957, Schwartz was appointed chairman of a special committee of the Massachusetts Consumer Finance Association, an industry trade association, which was gathering statistics for the forthcoming rate hearing. The purpose of the committee was to contact all licensed companies, to advise them of the statistics which the committee was collecting, to present the licensed companies with forms to put the statistics on, and to send that information [A-142] to Haskins and Sells, certified public accountants.[85]

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Local was represented on the executive committee of the Association by McHenry, its president, and was a member from 1957 through 1961.[86] Other members included Merchants Acceptance Corporation (MAC) represented by one Charles McDermott, Jr., its president.

Schwartz testified that he saw Hanley 3 times concerning the work of this special committee. On 1 of these occasions,

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about June 15, 1957, Schwartz ate lunch with Hanley and Heath at the Parker House in Boston. At the beginning of this lunch, the 3 of them were discussing rates in general when Hanley said to Heath: "Unless they dig up $50,000 before the Regulatory Hearing — They'd better dig up $50,000 before the Regulatory Hearing, or else." Hanley then said "that he could present a convincing case for a rate of 1.59 percent per month." Schwartz said that "this was an impossible rate and that . . . [he] would liquidate if we had such a rate." Heath said to Hanley: "You're crazy. They can never raise that kind of cash." Hanley responded: "Well, I might be willing to take $25,000 a year, spread over instalments for two years." [89] [A-143] In his testimony Heath corroborated this incident. He testified that Hanley "pointed out what an important role he would play in the fixing of any rate by the Rate Board. He pointed out the statistics in his office would show that a small independent company . . . had shown conclusively over the years that they could operate at a rate of 1-1/2 per cent per month." Hanley also stated that "one of the largest finance companies in the nation had been successfully operating over a period of years above the licensed small loan limit at a rate of 1-1/2% a month." Hanley further said "it would not be too difficult to prove to the Rate Board that if one company could do it, the other companies could do it." Replying to Hanley, Heath said, "I am not a statistician, but I doubt very much if my company can successfully operate in the State of Massachusetts at a rate of 1-1/2% per month." Heath related that Schwartz told Hanley that "even if the big chains could operate at a figure of 1-1/2% a month, it would be the death knell of the small independent operator such as he, and he would in substance have to go out of business."

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[89] Hly (B, N, G, L)

Heath testified that Hanley then responded to Schwartz, that "upon payment of the sum of $50,000, he felt that the Rate Board would bring out a rate that would be easy to live with for the industry." Heath and Schwartz then declared that the industry could not "raise that kind of money," and Hanley indicated he might accept $25,000 over 2 years.[90]

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[A-146] ... (In July of 1957) Schwartz received a telephone call from McHenry who asked whether Schwartz would be in. (Material in parentheses added). Schwartz replied that he would be. About 10 minutes later McHenry arrived at Schwartz's office. McHenry handed Schwartz an envelope and said, "[t]his is for Martin." The envelope felt as if there were several pieces of paper in it. McHenry then said, "Louis, I put your telephone number on the envelope. Will you please erase it?" Schwartz erased the telephone number, and put the envelope [A-147] in his desk drawer. After McHenry left, Schwartz put the envelope in his private safe.[102]

The following day, while Schwartz was in his office, he received a telephone call from Hanley, about 10:30 A.M. This was sometime in July of 1957. Hanley said, "I understand that you have something for me." Schwartz replied that he did and Hanley suggested that they have lunch. But an hour later Hanley again called and said that he was going to be "tied up" and that he would call Schwartz later that day at Schwartz's home. Before Schwartz left his office he went to his private safe and removed 3 envelopes. He added an envelope of his own containing $500 in large bills.[103] About 4 P.M. that afternoon Schwartz received a telephone call at his home from Hanley who

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[102] L (B, N, G)
[103] L, N, Hly (B, G)

asked, "[i]s it all right to come over to the house?" Schwartz replied, "Yes." About 15 or 20 minutes later Hanley drove up to Schwartz's home, entered and went into the library. Schwartz was alone in the house and handed the envelopes to Hanley who left immediately.[104]

During the year 1958, Schwartz made approximately 4 more payments to Hanley. All of these payments were made in the men's room of the Parker House Grille and each was in the amount of $250. They were made in quarterly instalments on or about March 15, 1958,[105] June 15, 1958,[106] September 30, 1958,[107] and December 15, 1958.[108] Thus Schwartz paid Hanley, on behalf of Coleman, a total of $1,000 during 1958.

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[A-148] Heath testified that he paid Hanley a total of about $2,000 on behalf of American as its proportionate share during 1958. Cash payments of about $500 were made quarterly on or about March 15, 1958, June 15, 1958, September 15, 1958, and December 15, 1958.[110]

Heath also testified that in the summer of 1958 he attended a meeting in Hanley's office concerning schedule O of the annual report form for small loans licensees (delinquency schedule). Representatives of other companies in the industry were also present. The persons present included McHenry of Local, Glynn, regional public relations director for the Beneficial companies, Engle, who did public relations work in Massachusetts for Household, and others.[111] From time to time Edward Counihan, the Commissioner of Banks, was present. The industry repre-

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[105] L, N, Hly 10272 (B, G)
[106] L, Hly counts 3 and 4 of 10272 (B, N, G)
[107] L, Hly 11993 and counts 5 and 6 of 10272 (B, N, G)
[108] L, N, Hly counts 7 and 8 of 10272 (B, G)
[110] L, N (B, G)
[111] L, Hly 10272, 11993

sentatives sought changes in schedule O. Hanley stated, in substance, that he had "no intention of backing off on Schedule O." He stated that he had an early appointment, and did not have time to discuss other matters which the industry was trying to bring into the meeting.[112] . . .

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[A-149] In the early part of 1959, Heath spoke to Hanley concerning the scheduling of payments. Hanley objected to payments 4 times a year and wanted them paid twice a year — on March 15 and September 15. Heath reported this conversation to his superior, Redfield.[115]

Around March 15, 1959, Heath paid Hanley about $500 in hundred dollar bills.[116] On approximately the same date Schwartz gave Hanley $250 in the Parker House men's room.[117] Schwartz gave him an additional $250 in the same place between June 15 and June 30, 1959.[118]

[A-150] Schwartz testified that during 1958 or early 1959, he had a telephone conversation with McHenry about the Hanley payments. McHenry said, "I am going out of town. I may be gone for ten days, possibly two weeks, and there is an instalment due Mr. Hanley. He raised the roof when I was late the last time and made an awful smell about it. Would it be all right if I send a payment up to your office with Mike Sands?" Schwartz just said, "O.K."

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[112] L, G, Hly 10272, 11993

[113] . . . Exhibit 168 (admitted for purpose of showing whether Heath, Redfield and American were conspirators — admitted against B, G, L, N [II 111 tr. 6353]) is a letter to Redfield in which Heath describes the above events and adds that "I presume that it is possible that you have information of a different nature from some other source but from where I sit . . . Schedule O is definitely linked with the annual arrangement." Heath notes, in the course of exhibit 168, that "[i]n the Commissioner's presence . . . [Hanley] made reference to his favorite parable: 'What have you done for me lately?' "

[115] Hly (B, L, G)

[116] L (B, G)

[117] L, Hly counts 9 and 10 of 10272 (B, G)

[118] L, Hly counts 11 and 12 of 10272 (B, G)

That same day Sands, an employee of Local, arrived at Schwartz's office and handed him a sealed envelope. Schwartz put the envelope in his desk. A few minutes later, after Sands left, Schwartz put it in his private safe. A day or 2 after that Schwartz took the envelope out, added it to 1 of his own, and delivered both to Hanley. This took place in the Parker House men's room, on 1 of the occasions already described above.[119] Sands's testimony corroborated this incident.[120]

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[A-151] During October, 1959, Schwartz was negotiating with McHenry concerning a sale of 2 of Schwartz's offices to Local. A sale was negotiated, and a contract signed. About a week before the date set for the passing of papers McHenry came to Schwartz's office. In the course of their conversation McHenry said to Schwartz, "I was up to Boston and saw Martin, and I told him I was interested in buying the two offices, and Martin said it was o.k., but he wanted $2,000 from . . . the buyer, and $2,000 from . . . the seller, to approve the deal." Schwartz said, "[d]o you think it is necessary? We're just selling the offices. Why the $2,000?" McHenry replied, "Well, that's the deal. Take it or leave it." Schwartz then said, "[i]f that's the only way I can sell, I will have to pay the $2,000." [A-152] Around December 20, 1969, Schwartz paid this $2,000 to Hanley. The payment, in large bills, was made at the Parker House Grille. On the day set for the passing of papers Schwartz was informed that Local had decided not to purchase the offices.[124] Shortly thereafter Schwartz sold these 2 offices to a third party.

Not long after the December payment to Hanley, Schwartz recived a telephone call from Glynn.[125]

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[120] L (B)
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[A-166] The foregoing evidence constitutes most of the essential evidence in the second trial. Portions of this evidence will be referred to in treating with the various issues raised by the respective corporate and individual defendants.

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[A-169] C. *THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE EVIDENCE*

The Corporate Defendants

Having concluded that the evidence was sufficient to establish that Pratt and Barber were part of a conspiracy joined in by Farrell, Glynn, Newhall, and Lerch to bribe Hanley, we again turn to the question whether the respective [A-170] corporate defendants were parties to the conspiracy. As in the first trial the defendants Beneficial and Household, by way of motions for directed verdicts, attack the legal sufficiency of the evidence to connect them to the conspiracy. Similarly, they further assert that the standard for imposing corporate criminal liability, as applied by the judge, was erroneous. The defendant, Local, also attacks the sufficiency of the evidence.

1. *Standards of Criminal Responsibility* — With respect to the correctness of the standard applied by the judge for holding a corporation criminally responsible for the acts of its employees, officers, directors, or agents, we refer to our discussion in the first trial portion of this opinion on that point. What we have said there applies with equal validity to the evidence before us in this trial. The corporate defendants may properly be held responsible for the acts of their agents, officers or employees if there is sufficient evidence to show that the corporation had placed the agent in a position where he possessed enough authority to act on behalf of the corporation with respect to the particular corporate activities associated with criminal conduct. Applying this standard to the evi-

dence, we first consider the evidence admitted against Household, then as against Beneficial and finally, as against Local.

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[A-175] 4. *Local* — Local was held criminally responsible for the acts and statements of McHenry, its president, who died before the trial. Local does not contest the authority of McHenry to commit it to the conspiracy to bribe Hanley, but argues simply that there is insufficient evidence to show that McHenry participated in the conspiracy.

We disagree. The evidence shows: (1) in the summer of 1957, McHenry gave Schwartz an envelope and said, "[t]his is for Martin." McHenry asked Schwartz to erase Schwartz's telephone number on the envelope. The envelope felt as though it had several pieces of paper in it. Schwartz gave it to Hanley when he (Schwartz) paid his own bribe money, and after Hanley had called and said, "I understand you have something for me"; (2) during 1958 or 1959, Schwartz talked with McHenry on the telephone about the Hanley payments. McHenry said, "I am going out of town. I may be gone for ten days, possibly two weeks, and there is an installment due Mr. Hanley. [A-176] He raised the roof when I was late the last time and made an awful smell about it. Would it be all right if I send a payment up to your office with Mike Sands?" Sands corroborated the fact that he delivered the envelope to Schwartz. Schwartz testified that he delivered it to Hanley; (3) there was testimony by Schwartz that he and McHenry agreed to pay $2,000 to Hanley as a bribe in exchange for Hanley's approval of the sale of 2 of Schwartz's offices. Schwartz paid Hanley, but the sale was never made.

This evidence, together with Schwartz's numerous payments to Hanley, more than supports the conclusion that Local through McHenry conspired to bribe Hanley. Local's

assertion that the evidence is colorless is without merit. McHenry's use of the words "payment" and "installment" in the context of the other evidence creates a reasonable inference that these "payments" or "installments" were bribes.

Similarly there is no substance in Local's argument that even if Schwartz conspired with McHenry, there is no evidence to connect them with the others. It is sufficient if the evidence shows "concerted action toward the accomplishment of a common purpose." *Commonwealth* v. *Galvin*, 310 Mass. 733, 745. It is not necessary that each defendant have communicated or dealt directly with each other defendant. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , — .[h]

There was no error in the admission of the acts and statements of other conspirators against it, nor in the denial of Local's motion for a directed verdict on the conspiracy indictment.

D. *CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL*

As in connection with the first trial, various defendants allege error regarding the judge's conduct of the trial. [A-177] Some of these arguments are essentially similar to those raised in the first trial and, therefore, we deal with them summarily.

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[A-178] 4. Local offered to prove that Schwartz and Heath knew the results of the first trial and the sentences imposed on the defendants in that trial by the judge and the sanctions imposed on the defendants by the Department of Banking. Local contends that the refusal of the judge to admit this evidence was error since it was essential to show that Schwartz and Heath were motivated by bias or personal interest.

In support of this contention, we consider the case of

[h] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637-638.

United States v. *Colonial Motor Inn, Inc.*, 440 F.2d 1227 (1st Cir.). There, the defendant in a criminal prosecution [A-179] made an offer of proof to show the personal interest and motivation of a key government witness. This witness could have incriminated herself if her testimony had not corroborated the government's theory of the case. The jury were unaware of this fact. In addition, her testimony pertained to a crucial issue in the case. In holding that the defendant was entitled to show the personal interest of the witness, the court noted that the prosecution in its final argument relied upon the impartiality of the witness, stating that she had "nothing to gain or lose," when in fact the defendant's offer of proof would have contradicted this statement.

We think the above case is distinguishable on its facts from the case before us. Here, unlike the foregoing situation, the jury were informed of the personal participation of Heath and Schwartz in the criminal activities of the various defendants, because the defendants *incriminated themselves* with their *own testimony*. Therefore, it was self-evident that Heath and Schwartz, since they were not named as defendants in the trial, had a personal interest in testifying for the Commonwealth. In this regard, the position of Heath and Schwartz in this case is similar to the position of one Shea in the case cited above, about which the court said: "[I]f the witness had been Shea himself, cross-examination on the subject of the tax consequences of admitting a taxable receipt might well have been excluded as superfluous, his interest being self-evident." *United States* v. *Colonial Motor Inn, Inc.* 440 F. 2d 1227, 1228 (1st Cir.).

In addition, extensive evidence was elicited from Heath and Schwartz concerning their involvement in the consumer finance industry. The jury were thus well-informed of the benefits these witnesses might obtain should the major loan

companies go out of business in the Commonwealth. Secondly, the possibility of the prejudice to the other [A-180] defendants outweighed the alleged benefit asserted by Local, especially since the personal interest of the witnesses was obvious. Thus, we find no difficulty in holding that the judge did not abuse his discretion as to the scope of proper cross-examination in excluding the offered evidence. *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , — .[i] *Commonwealth* v. *Nassar*, 351 Mass. 37, 43-44. *Chevillard* v. *United States*, 155 F. 2d 929, 935 (9th Cir.).

5. Local contends that the judge erred in admitting against it certain letters and memoranda which were taken from Heath's files. These exhibits were admitted for the limited purpose of showing that Heath, Redfield and American had participated in the conspiracy. They were admitted almost a month after the judge's preliminary ruling that the evidence warranted a finding of a consipracy which included Local, American, Redfield and Heath. Of course, once such a preliminary ruling has been made, "the acts and declarations of one conspirator in pursuance of the common object are admissible against the other conspirators." *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. , ,[j] quoting *Commonwealth* v. *Stasiun*, 349 Mass. 38, 50. These exhibits, being the means by which one conspirator advised another of the progress of the conspiracy, were certainly declarations in the pursuance of the object of the conspiracy. There was no error in admitting them against all the members of the conspiracy, including Local.

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[A-186] 13. It is claimed by Household that it was error for the judge to make a preliminary ruling that it could have been found that McHenry, who had died about a year and one-half before the grand jury returned any of the

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[i] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 661-662.
[j] Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637.

indictments here involved, and who was not mentioned in the conspiracy indictment, was a co-conspirator in the conspiracy charged in Indictment No. 11908. Barber, Pratt and Local have adopted Household's argument. This issue was raised by them, at the trial, by motions for a mistrial, [A-187] which the judge denied. The motions were filed by the 4 defendants after the judge's preliminary ruling.

Household's argument is identical to the one it has levelled against the judge's similar ruling in the first trial, namely that it could have been found that Hanley was a co-conspirator in the conspiracy to bribe Garfinkle charged in Indictment No. 11910. We need not repeat that argument. The facts here are somewhat different, however, inasmuch as the judge found that "[t]he Special Grand Jury which returned . . . Indictment No. 11,908 knew the identity of John L. McHenry, Sr., and of his alleged participation in the alleged conspiracy at the time it returned this indictment." Nonetheless, assuming that there was a variance between the allegations in the indictment and the proof offered at trial, it was not such as to call for a mistrial because, as the judge found in his decision on the motions, "the four (4) Defendants who are parties to the Motions involved . . . have not been prejudiced in their defense or in any other respect by the variance . . . . Nor have they been prejudiced by the action of this Court in respect to any ruling or preliminary finding that the late John L. McHenry, Sr., was a party to the conspiracy alleged in said indictment. (See: G. L. c. 277, § 35)."

14. Household argues that "the trial court erred in failing to recognize that the evidence [in the second trial] reflected two separate conspiracies, rather than the one charged in the indictment; and further erred in the instructions by which the case was submitted to the jury [on the question whether the evidence showed a single conspiracy or multiple conspiracies]." Household raised this point at

4 stages during and following the trial; it formed the basis for several motions filed by Household for a mistrial, a directed verdict, or a new trial. Household's argument on this point has been adopted by Local, Barber, and Pratt. [A-188] The issue whether the evidence has shown one conspiracy or several is one of fact which is normally a matter for the jury. *United States* v. *Varelli*, 407 F.2d 735, 746 (7th Cir.). Household does not seem to contest this, but contends that there was insufficient evidence here of a single conspiracy to warrant submitting this question to the jury.

Household emphasizes the testimony of 1 conspirator, Schwartz, that he believed there were 2 separate and distinct plans: one to bribe Hanley in connection with the 1957 rate hearings of the Rate Board, involving payments spread out over 2 years, and the other to influence Hanley's decisions on routine administrative matters involving annual payments beginning in 1959. The fact that 1 conspirator was under the impression that there were 2 conspiracies, rather than 1, is not determinative of whether there was in fact 1 conspiracy or 2. *Coates* v. *United States*, 59 F. 2d 173, 174 (9th Cir.). Furthermore, there was evidence to the contrary that the payments made to Hanley in 1957, 1958 and 1959 were for other matters in addition to the 1957 hearings, and that the payments after 1959 were connected with the earlier ones. Although the participants in the later payments were not identical to those who had made the earlier payments, this fact does not negate the existence of 1 conspiracy during the entire period. *United States* v. *Varelli*, 407 F.2d 735, 742 (7th Cir.). On the state of the evidence before him, the judge properly submitted the question whether there was a single conspiracy or multiple conspiracies to the jury.

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[A-189] *All judgments affirmed.*

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HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, NATHANIEL W. BARBER and JAMES S. PRATT,
PETITIONERS,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
RESPONDENT,
AND RELATED PETITIONS

CONSOLIDATED BRIEF OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONS FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Opinion Below

The opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, which was rendered on November 4, 1971, is reported in 1971 Massachusetts Advance Sheets beginning at page 1367 and in 275 Northeastern Reporter 2d begin-

ning at page 33. It has been reprinted as an appendix to several of the Petitions.[1]

Jurisdiction

The petitioners seek to invoke the jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1257(3). On January 25, 1972 Mr. Justice Brennan extended the time for filing the pefitions to and including March 3, 1972. By order of the Clerk of this Court dated April 24, 1972 the time for filing this Consolidated Brief in Opposition was extended to and including May 24, 1972.

Questions Presented

1. Should this Court review certain matters connected with the indictment of petitioners, including the involvement of a legislative commission, the number of prosecutors present at grand jury proceedings, and the sufficiency of evidence before the grand jury, which matters are not of general importance, when the record shows the return of the indictments were fully consistent with Massachusetts law and Constitutional standards?

2. Should this Court review a decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court interpreting Massachusetts statutes concerning jury selection which ruled that those statutes were not violated and which affirmed the ruling of the Trial Court after full hearing that the petitioner's evidence was insufficient to demonstrate that there had been any systematic or intentional exclusion of any group in the community?

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[1] For convenience of reference, and to avoid duplication, reference to the opinion will be made to the appendix to the Household Petition. Pages of the opinion will be designated by the symbol "App." followed by the appropriate page as appearing in the Household Appendix and in the Massachusetts Advance Sheets.

3. Should this Court review petitioners' claim that their motions for severance were wrongfully denied when the record shows the overwhelming benefits of joinder and joint trials on these unique facts and where trial was conducted in a manner fully consistent with the highest standards of fairness?

4. Should this Court review these convictions because, in accordance with a Uniform Law, the Commonwealth represented and the Trial Court certified, that certain out-of-state witnesses were material to the Commonwealth's case tried before a jury?

5. Should this Court review the sufficiency of the evidence supporting Woodcock's conviction when such a claim turns on individual facts affecting only Woodcock and there was ample evidence that Woodcock conspired with individuals in other corporations to offer bribes to an executive officer of the Commonwealth?

6. Should this Court review the petitioner Liberty's contention that it cannot be convicted of a crime committed for its benefit by its Executive Vice President, where such an issue involves no federal question but rather turns on its own facts and would affect few if any other litigants?

7. Should this Court review a contention that a statute was applied in an ex post facto manner where the trial Court actually did nothing more than apply long standing existing precedent to the facts of this case?

8. Should this Court review convictions in the trials of uniquely complex conspiracies where both trials were conducted with scrupulous attention to the rights of the individual defendants, where the Trial Court strongly instructed the jury to apply the limitations on evidence as it had previously announced them to the jury, where those limitations had been argued to the jury in closing, and where there is no showing that the jury did other than convict on the evidence as limited, because the petitioners

assert that the human mind cannot perform feats of remembering all such limitations and that the Court deferred to the prosecutor?

9. Should this Court review a contention that the mere posing of special questions to a jury is violative of due process of law where it is clear that the jury returned general verdicts as to each of the substantive bribery counts and the answers to the questions demonstrate that the jury was in no way coerced or influenced to bring in guilty verdicts?

10. Should this Court review contentions of prosecutorial misconduct and nondisclosure of evidence in the face of a contrary determination by the Supreme Judicial Court, when such questions turn on their own facts affecting few other litigants and there is ample support in the record for that Court's decision and where the evidence which is claimed to have been withheld is neither exculpatory nor material?

11. Should this Court examine 20,000 pages of transcript to review the evidence which shows two separate prosecutions for two sharply distinct offenses because petitioners rely on the similarities of language in two conspiracy indictments to raise double jeopardy claims in the second trial?

12. Should this Court review the contention of the petitioner Hanley, a lawyer and a member of the Massachusetts Bar, that he was not advised of his right to counsel when the record shows clearly that he was fully so advised?

Statement of the Case

Seven petitions have been filed asking that a writ of certiorari issue to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts to review the judgment of that court affirming the convictions of the various petitioners for bribery or conspiracy to do so. The petitioners are as follows: No. 71-1241, Household Finance Corporation, Nathaniel W.

Barber and James S. Pratt (hereafter referred to as "Household Petition"); No. 71-1122, Beneficial Finance Co. and Edward R. Newhall (hereafter referred to as "Beneficial Petition"); No. 71-1115, John M. Farrell and Francis T. Glynn (hereafter referred to as "Farrell Petition"); No. 71-1254, Liberty Loan Corporation (hereafter referred to as "Liberty Petition"); No. 71-1253, Lyle S. Woodcock (hereafter referred to as "Woodcock Petition"); No. 71-1251, Local Finance Corporation (hereafter referred to as "Local Petition") and No. 71-6428, Martin J. Hanley (hereafter referred to as "Hanley Petition").

These petitions arise out of two separate series of indictments and two separate jury trials.[2] Beneficial Finance Company (Beneficial), Household Finance Corporation (Household), Liberty Loan Corporation (Liberty), John M. Farrell (a "public relations man" for Beneficial and an officer of one of its subsidiaries), Francis T. Glynn (a "public relations man" for Beneficial, and an employee of one of its subsidiaries), Nathaniel W. Barber, (a "public relations" employee of Household), James S. Pratt (also a "public relations" employee of Household), Lyle S. Woodcock (an Executive Vice President of Liberty), Morris Garfinkle (a member of the Massachusetts Small Loans Regulatory Board) and Martin J. Hanley (Deputy Commissioner Banks and Supervisor of Loan Agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) were convicted in the first trial. The defendants convicted in the second trial were Local Finance Corporation (Local), Household, Beneficial, Hanley, Farrell, Glynn, Barber,

[2] The symbols "IR", "IIR", "P.T.Tr.", "I Tr." "II Tr." and "Post Tr." preceded by the appropriate volume number and followed by the appropriate page number refer respectively to the Record in the first and second trials and to the transcripts in pretrial proceedings, the first trial, the second trial and the post trial proceedings in the first trial. Exhibits are described by the appropriate symbol followed by an exhibit number.

Pratt and Edward R. Newhall (another Beneficial "public relations man", also employed by a Beneficial subsidiary).

In each case the various defendants were charged under indictments returned in 1964 by a special grand jury. The indictments were presented as the result of an investigation developed by the Massachusetts Crime Commission (Commission), a body created by the General Court of the Commonwealth "to investigate and study as a basis for legislative action the existence and extent of organized crime within the Commonwealth and corrupt practices in government at state and local levels." Massachusetts Resolves of 1962, c. 146 (1962) (App. 1368).

These cases, commonly known as the "small loans" trials, are believed to be the longest and most time consuming in Massachusetts' history. Petitioners' pretrial motions were heard for sixty-five court days and span 4,370 transcript pages. The decisions by the Trial Court on these motions cover about 700 pages. Forty-nine of the indictments were grouped for the first trial, which began on July 18, 1966 and lasted about five months. The defendants took 1916 exceptions to rulings by the Trial Court. The transcript of evidence in the first trial consists of 103 volumes containing more than 7,500 pages and the Record of pleadings, motions and decisions in the first trial fills 18 bound volumes. The second trial, involving 21 indictments, began on July 17, 1967 and took up 222 trial days over a period of twelve months. The defendants took 2431 exceptions to rulings by the Trial Court. The transcript consists of 223 volumes containing more than 11,800 pages. The Record of pleadings, motions and decisions in the second trial fills 19 bound volumes. The findings, rulings and decisions of the trial judge in all proceedings connected with these cases contain more than 1400 printed pages (App. 1368-1369). The Supreme Judicial Court devoted two complete hearing days to the oral argument of these

cases and delivered a careful opinion, meticulously covering and disposing of the points raised by petitioners.

From this exhaustive working out of the judicial process petitioners have culled the twelve points which are discussed below. All these contentions are collateral to the central evidence at the trials, some are supported by fragments of testimony lifted out of the context of extensive and detailed examination, and others are without support in the transcript and record itself. Compare Household Petition, 4, 23 with P.T.-Tr. 1966-1981.

I. The First Trial

The evidence at the first trial demonstrated that Beneficial, Household, and Liberty, all of which were licensed small loan companies in the Commonwealth, together with certain of their officers and employees (some of whom were defendants) conspired to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle who were public officials with power to affect the companies' interest rates for "small loans". The purpose of the conspiracy and the bribe was to fix the results of the 1962 hearings before the Small Loans Regulatory Board (Rate Board), in order to maintain high interest rates for regulated small loans (App. 1369).

In 1962 Beneficial, Household, Liberty, and American Investment Company of Illinois (American) were actively engaged in making "small loans" in Massachusetts at rates established by the Rate Board. The petitioner Glynn was then the "Director of Industry Relations" for the Beneficial Finance "System" and formally an employee of one of Beneficial's subsidiaries, Beneficial Management. The defendant Farrell was a vice-president of Beneficial Management, to whom Glynn reported. Pratt was the New England "Regional Director of Public Relations" for Household, and Barber, who was also engaged in public relations work for Household, was Pratt's superior. Woodcock was an Executive Vice President of Liberty. Amer-

ican, doing business in Massachusetts as Public Finance Corporation (Public), had as its New England Regional Director William F. Heath (Heath). Heath was a principal witness for the Commonwealth (App. 1398-1400).

Hanley, a lawyer, was the Commonwealth's Deputy Commissioner of Banks and Supervisor of Loan Agencies. During the summer of 1962 Hanley met with Glynn and Heath three or four times in various restaurants to discuss the upcoming hearings before the Rate Board, and whether to pay money to Hanley to insure a favorable result from the Rate Board. At these meetings Hanley insisted upon handling all aspects of this bribery "program". Heath and Glynn met with Pratt at Purcell's restaurant, and all agreed to recommend the payment of bribes to Hanley and to one or more members of the Rate Board (App. 1400-1403).

At a meeting at the Commodore Hotel in New York, on October 17, 1962, Glynn and Farrell of Beneficial, Pratt and Barber of Household, Woodcock of Liberty, Heath of American and several other persons were present. Glynn recommended the payment of bribes to Hanley and others to insure a favorable result at the Rate Board hearings. Woodcock, Farrell, Glynn, Pratt, Barber and Heath, agreed to offer the bribes, and further agreed that Barber should "handle" the bribery "program" with Hanley (App. 1404-1407).

During subsequent months negotiations were carried on with Hanley regarding the amount of the bribes and Morris Garfinkle, a member of the Rate Board, emerged as one of the members of the Rate Board who would receive a bribe through Hanley (App. 1406-1409).

At the Rate Board hearings in November, 1962 Hanley purported to act on behalf of the Department of Banking. The Rate Board hearings were terminated without changing the existing interest rate. The Chairman of the Board publicly stated that this was done at the request of Mr. Hanley (App. 1408, 1410).

There was further evidence regarding the payment of the money to Hanley, including a statement by Barber to Heath that $25,000 had been paid (App. 1411).[3]

On December 18, 1966 Hanley and Garfinkle were each found guilty of 14 counts of requesting bribes, and also of conspiracy to request bribes. Beneficial, Household, Liberty, Woodcock, Farrell, Glynn, Barber and Pratt were found guilty on the same date of conspiracy to offer bribes to Hanley and Garfinkle and of actually offering bribes to Hanley and Garfinkle.[4]

II. The Second Trial

The evidence presented at the second trial showed that over a period of some seven years (1957-1963) a number of small loan companies, including Household, Beneficial and Local, together with a number of their officers and employees, including Barber, Pratt, Glynn, Farrell and Newhall (another Beneficial "public relations man") conspired to bribe Hanley and that Hanley requested and accepted these bribes. Hanley, by virtue of his office, as Deputy Commissioner of Banks and Supervisor of Loan Agencies, had extensive powers to approve or disapprove the activities of small loan companies. Bribes were paid to Hanley during this period to induce him to approve various requests pertaining to routine matters, to induce him to refrain from taking action adverse to the defendants and certain co-conspirators at rate hearings held during 1957, and to obtain various changes in small loan regulations. Unlike the first trial, which centered around one particular event — the payment of money to fix the 1962 Rate hearings — the second trial involved continued payments to Hanley, pursuant to a common scheme, to

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[3] The facts in the first trial are set forth in detail at App. 1398-1411.

[4] In response to special questions propounded by the Trial Court the jury found that the bribe money had never actually been paid (1102 Tr. 7419-7485).

induce him to bestow a variety of favors on the small loan companies (App. 1369-1370).

Heath and one Louis Schwartz (Schwartz), president of Community Finance Company, were important witnesses for the Commonwealth in the second trial. Hanley asked Heath and Schwartz in the summer of 1957 for a bribe in connection with upcoming rate hearings during that year. Schwartz, Newhall of Beneficial, Lerch (a high level employee of Household), Redfield (Heath's superior at American) and others met, and Schwartz relayed Hanley's request. Newhall stated "[W]e'll work something out" (App. 1493-1495).

Newhall later told Schwartz that Newhall was working on the matter and that Schwartz's assessment would be $2,000 payable in installments over a two year period. Newhall gave Schwartz $2,000 to be given to Hanley, and Local's president, one McHenry left an envelope with Schwartz to be delivered to Hanley. In July 1957 Schwartz delivered the bribes to Hanley, together with a $500 payment of his own (App. 1495-1498).

At a meeting in New York City in late 1959 or early 1960, attended by Farrell and Glynn of Beneficial, Lerch of Household, Redfield of American and others, Lerch, Farrell and Redfield stated that they were in favor of expanding the Hanley bribery "program" and changing the allocation of payments among the companies. Subsequent to this meeting the payments to Hanley were reallocated, and the range of favors granted was expanded to include a large number of routine matters. The evidence includes numerous conversations between Hanley and various of the conspirators and among various of the conspirators themselves throughout the seven year period as to the manner of making payments, the timing, amount and allocation of payments and the favors to be granted by Hanley in return for the payments. A large number of

bribe payments were made to Hanley pursuant to the conspiracy. (App. 1498-1514).[5]

On June 10, 1968 Hanley was found guilty on thirty-nine counts of requesting or accepting bribes and Beneficial, Household, Local, Newhall, Farrell, Glynn, Barber and Pratt were found guilty of conspiracy to offer bribes to Hanley.

Reasons for Denying the Writ

I. THERE WAS NO VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS OR EQUAL PROTECTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDICTMENTS.

Beneficial argues at pages 27-31 of its petition that the procurement of the indictments violated its due process rights. Household argues, at pages 36-39 of its petition, that the same process involved a denial of equal protection.[6]

Household asserts, on page 37 of its petition, that "... it was the Massachusetts legislature which secured the indictments of Crime Commission defendants", thus depriving them of the right to indictment by a grand jury in the ordinary course. The opinion below at App. 1371-1373, adopts detailed findings by the Trial Court that the Crime Commission only performed its assigned legislative task of investigation and turned its evidence over to the Attorney General for his review and action. The Attorney General had complete discretion as to prosecution. As an actual matter of fact, found by the Trial Court, Household's contention is erroneous, and raises no federal question.

Marshall Simonds, who investigated these cases for the Crime Commission, was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General for the purpose of assisting in the presentation of these cases to the Grand Jury. Household and Beneficial argue that performance of this dual role was

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[5] This evidence is set forth in detail at App. 1488-1514.

[6] Woodcock and Liberty each adopt these arguments of Beneficial and Household. (Woodcock Petition, 2 fn.2). (Liberty Petition, 2. fn.1).

improper. (Household Petition, 37-39; Beneficial Petition, 31). However the Trial Court expressly found that Simonds acted under the full control of the Attorney General, that the presentation of evidence was under the supervision of Mr. Travers, an Assistant Attorney General, and that Mr. Simonds' role was only to assist to the degree required by Mr. Travers. Household's statement that Simonds "headed a team which ... handled the interrogation of all witnesses before the grand jury" (Household Petition, 37) is utterly inconsistent with the facts expressly found below. As the Supreme Judicial Court points out at App. 1373-1374, 1377-1378, control of prosecution was at all times in the Attorney General, and Simonds' role was fully consistent with Massachusetts practice and raises no issue appropriate for review by this Court.[7]

Household and Beneficial argue that the number of prosecutors appearing before the grand jury was improper (Household Petition, 38; Beneficial Petition, 27-31). In so doing they ignore the finding of fact by the Trial Court that:

> the number of prosecutors present before the Special Grand Jury at any one time during its hearings, deliberations and voting was no greater than was necessary. All of the prosecutors who were thus present were there in their official capacities, discharging their public duties in connection with this case, and their presence before the Special Grand Jury was necessary at all times when they were present.

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[7] It should be noted that on page 38 of its petition Household distorts the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 12 §30, which prohibits public prosecutors from receiving compensation from private "prosecutors" or complainants. It is apparent that this statute is directed at private, rather than public bodies. Further, the trial court specifically found that the Crime Commission was not the "prosecutor" here (App. 1372).

The Trial Court further found that the grand jurors were not intimidated, coerced, or influenced by the presence of several prosecutors (App. 1374-1375). These findings and the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court clearly establish that the necessary presence of several prosecutors was consistent with Massachusetts practice and involved no deprivation of equal protection or due process (App. 1374-1376, 1377).

The argument is made by Household and Beneficial that the prosecutor attempted to influence the deliberation of the grand jurors and that the prosecutor otherwise violated his duty of impartiality (Household Petition, 35-39; Beneficial Petition, 27-30). The short answer to this contention is the finding of fact by the Trial Court, not referred to by the petitioners, that there was no such misconduct by the prosecutors (App. 1375), and the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court that this finding is correct as matter of law (App. 1376).

At pages 37-38 of its petition Household claims that Simonds violated the secrecy of the grand jury proceeding by "massive instances" of improper disclosure to Crime Commission personnel. In so doing Household ignores the detailed decision containing findings of fact and rulings of law made on this point by the Trial Court (I 18R 4218-4238; II 36R 12811-12824). In this decision the Trial Court, after hearing evidence, ruled that all of the Pleas in Abatement alleging improper disclosure were not seasonably filed, if seasonably filed were overruled as not legally sufficient, and if seasonably filed and legally sufficient were disproved on the evidence and therefore denied.

Finally, Household contends that it was improper for a special grand jury to sit at the same time as a regular grand jury sitting in the same county. As the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court points out, this is perfectly appro-

priate as a matter of Massachusetts procedure (App. 1378).[8]

In summary, none of the issues raised by Household and Beneficial show any violation of Massachusetts law or any deprivation of due process or equal protection. No question which warrants the granting of the petitions has been raised, particularly since the issues would affect few other litigants.

Liberty and Woodcock claim that there was error of constitutional proportions in the denial of their Motions for Leave to file Motions to Dismiss (Woodcock Petition, 13-21; Liberty Petition, 2 n.1). These motions asserted that there was insufficient evidence before the grand jury to warrant the petitioners' indictment. This contention was based on the testimony of Heath contained in a portion of the grand jury transcript which had been made available to the petitioners shortly before filing their motions. At the hearing on these motions petitioners submitted a stipulation of the Commonwealth stating that to the best of the Commonwealth's knowledge this portion was the only testimony relating these defendants to the events occurring on October 17, 1962. It further stated that "[t]he Commonwealth does not recall any other grand jury witness to any talk with Lyle S. Woodcock other than William F. Heath, either before or after October 17, 1962, relative to the matters on trial" (App. 1396).

The Trial Court ruled that these motions were not timely, and that there was insufficient reason to justify discretionary late filing.

This Court has held, on a number of occasions, that it will not look behind an indictment. *Lawn* v. *United States*, 355 U.S. 339, 349 (1958) reh. denied 355 U.S. 967 (1958).

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[8] In footnote 46, at page 31 of its petition, Beneficial asserts that there was improper questioning of talesmen prior to their selection as jurors. This question is covered in detail at App. 1382-1386, and, as appears fully therein, no violation of Massachusetts law or due process is involved.

Costello v. *United States*, 350 U.S. 359, 363 (1956), reh. denied 351 U.S. 904 (1956). *Holt* v. *United States*, 218 U.S. 245, 248 (1910). Here there is no substantial and unsettled question. Rather, there is a question which, while slightly different in its facts from prior cases, falls squarely within the principles enunciated by this Court on at least three prior occasions. Further, as the Supreme Judicial Court points out at App. 1397, the stipulation on which petitioners rely does not exclude the possibility that there was other evidence before the grand jury or inferences from such evidence bearing on these indictments.

Woodcock and Liberty's contentions raise no substantial and unsettled questions and were not properly raised below. For these reasons they provide no ground for the issuance of the writ particularly since they affect only these litigants.

II. The Process of Selecting the Grand Jury and the Petit Jury in Both Trials Did Not Violate Petitioners' Constitutional Rights.

Petitioners assert that the Massachusetts statute governing jury selection was intentionally and massively violated. (Household Petition, 25). They further assert that the composition of the grand jury and trial juries selected differed significantly from the composition of juries which would have been produced if the jurors had been selected in accordance with their interpretation of the Massachusetts statute. The petitioners supplement their argument by asserting that blanket exclusions in violation of the Massachusetts statute were made. Finally, they assert that the trial court improperly eliminated statistical evidence which would have demonstrated the unrepresentative character of the juries selected.

The argument is thus fundamentally a boot strap one.

A Massachusetts statute is stated to have been violated. The violation is then characterized as being done "intentionally and massively". The assumed statutory violation is then equated to an error of constitutional dimension by hypothetical comparison of an undetermined group with unspecified population tables. Petitioners give a perfunctory nod to the long standing constitutional test that the method used to select juries need merely produce a representative cross section of the community. Their failure to prove the lack of a representative cross section is glossed over by the assertion of an alleged error by the Trial Court in eliminating what is stated to be clearly admissible statistical evidence.

The linch pin of this argument is the Massachusetts jury selection statute. (Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 234, §§1, 4) The Trial Court made extensive findings of fact at a hearing on petitioners' contentions and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts carefully considered the question of whether or not the Massachusetts statutes were violated. Contrary to petitioners' contention, the highest court of Massachusetts adopted the Trial Court's ruling that use of the list of registered voters as the source of the names of potential jurors "did not thereby violate the applicable statutes" (App. 1380). The Supreme Judicial Court also specifically found that the exclusions complained of by petitioners did not violate the Massachusetts statutes.

The interpretation of a Massachusetts statute by the highest court of the state is, of course, controlling. *General Trading Co.* v. *State Tax Comm'n*, 322 U.S. 335, 337 (1944), *Sutter Butte Canal Co.* v. *Railroad Comm. of Cal.*, 279 U.S. 125 (1929), *American Ry. Express Co.* v. *Kentucky*, 273 U.S. 269 (1927).

In two places petitioner seeks to buttress his position by referring in quotation marks to the testimony of George Greene given at the hearing held by the trial court. (House-

hold Petition, 4, 23.) The language in quotations does not appear at the page cited nor at any other place in the witness' testimony (P. T. Tr. 1966-1981). The testimony of Mr. Greene, in fact, referred to the experience of the Election Department that the police list contained "many people who for some reason or another do not qualify to become voters, through economic conditions, or some other reason ..." (21 P. T. Tr. 1972). The Trial Court made specific findings as to the reason why the list of registered voters was used rather than the police list (I 18 R. 4271). The court's finding was adopted in the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. "The election board used the voter list in preference to the police list because it felt that if the police list were used 'it would result in a larger number or percentage of those summoned being rejected or eliminated for lack of qualifications to serve as jurors than would be the case if the list of registered voters were used." (App. 1380).

Household further argues that the reduction of the original list from 18,000 to 3,000 was also in violation of the Massachusetts statutes (Household Petition, 25). The Supreme Judicial Court held: "In reducing the list from 18,000 to 3,000, there is no evidence that the election board abused the discretion clearly left to it by the statutory scheme" (App. 1381).

Moving from their untenable premises of statutory violation, Household then asserts that the alleged violation substantially affected the make-up of the grand and petit juries. The basis for this assertion is said to be certain statistical tables prepared by an expert for purposes of this trial. Some of these statistics were concededly based on hearsay evidence of personal interviews and the refusal of the Trial Court to admit them was specifically upheld (App. 1382) Other statistical evidence was admitted by the Trial Court but it found that this evidence was insufficient for specific

findings and this ruling was also upheld. (App. 1382). In short, the Supreme Judicial Court and the Trial Court ruled that "... the defendants have not proved 'that there has been any systematic or intentional exclusion of any economic, social, religious, racial, political, or geographical group in the community' " (App. 1381). Certiorari should not be granted on this ground.

III. There Was No Violation of Constitutional Provisions in the Denial of the Motions for Severance Filed by Various Petitioners.

Local and Woodcock[9] assert that the denial of their motions for severance constituted a denial of due process (Local Petition, 9-15; Woodcock Petition, 21-26). This issue is discussed in the opinion below at App. 1386-1391.[10]

The first ground upon which petitioners make this contention is that the joinder of indictments gave the prosecution an unfair tactical advantage. The Petition of Local is uniquely a re-digest of the facts. It points out that a substantial amount of prejudicial evidence was necessarily presented to the jury which was not admitted as to it, and claims that this constitutes unfairness. It is well established, however, that this is not alone enough to compel severance. *Caton* v. *United States*, 407 F.2d 367, 372 (8th Cir. 1969), cert. denied 395 U.S. 984 (1969). *Katz* v. *United States*, 321 F.2d 7, 8 (1st Cir. 1963) cert. denied 375 U.S. 903 (1963). Neither does the second ground asserted by the petitioners—that the defenses of certain co-defendants were antagonistic—alone warrant severance. *Dauer* v. *United*

[9] Liberty adopts all of Woodcock's arguments. (Liberty Petition, p.2 fn. 1).

[10] Forty-nine indictments involving 16 defendants were joined at the first trial, including both conspiracy and substantive bribery charges. In the second trial 21 indictments were joined, involving 15 defendants, also including both conspiracy and substantive bribery charges (App. 1387).

States, 189 F.2d 343, 344 (10th Cir. 1951), *cert. denied* 342 U.S. 898 (1951). *Commonwealth* v. *Millen*, 289 Mass. 441, 459-460 (1935), *cert. denied* 295 U.S. 765 (1935). Woodcock's contention that he was deprived of his right to call co-defendants as witnesses also fails to meet the test. See *Gorin* v. *United States*, 313 F.2d 641, 645-646 (1st Cir. 1963), *cert. denied* 374 U.S. (1963).[11] The proper test is whether there has been a clear abuse of discretion—it must clearly appear that the defendant would not receive a fair trial without a severance when all the circumstances are considered in the light of sound judicial discretion and common sense. *Johnson* v. *United States*, 356 F.2d 680, 682 (8th Cir. 1966), *cert. denied* 385 U.S. 857 (1966). *Baker* v. *United States*, 329 F.2d 786, 787 (10th Cir. 1964), *cert. denied* 379 U.S. 853 (1964).

In the present case the Commonwealth, in seeking joinder in the first trial, relied on the fact that the indictments involved the same basic transaction, with a near coincidence of dates, and the same witnesses, with a logical nexus between the witnesses and defendants, and that grouping the indictments would provide a workable and not unduly long trial, avoiding unnecessary complexity and hardship to the defendants.

The Supreme Judicial Court pointed out that similar grounds could have been given to support the second trial grouping, and stated at App. 1391 that:

> Weighing these considerations against the disadvantages to the defendants arising from joinder, from the point of view of the judge when he decided to grant

[11] Woodcock and Local's contention that they were deprived of the right to cross-examine co-defendants in violation of the rule of *Bruton* v. *United States*, 391 U.S. 123 (1968) is effectively disposed of by the language of the *Bruton* opinion itself, which refused to extend its exclusionary rule to recognized exceptions to the hearsay rule, such as statements of co-conspirators in furtherance of a conspiracy, 391 U.S. at 128 fn.3.

> the Commonwealth's motions, and even in the light of hindsight, we believe that the defendants have not demonstrated sufficient prejudice to them to override the overwhelming benefits of joinder. There was no abuse of the judge's discretion.

It is submitted that this conclusion is correct and that there was no abuse of discretion by the Trial Court and no denial of due process in refusing to fragment trials of such length.

IV. Petitioners Were Accorded Due Process of Law by the Manner in Which the Trial Court Dealt With the Commonwealth's Applications for Issuance of Process to Out-of-State Witnesses.

Farrell, Glynn and Hanley maintain they were denied due process of law when, during the first trial, the Trial Court held an ex parte hearing on the Commonwealth's applications for out-of-state process and, after receiving the representations of the Commonwealth, issued the certificate of materiality contemplated by Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 233, §13A. Farrell and Glynn petition, 13-16; Hanley petition, 10-11.

It is to be noted here that the Trial Court did nothing more than discharge its duty under the statute.[12] It certified only that J. Miller Redfield was a material witness within the terms of G.L. c. 233, §13B, and its finding was entirely neutral as respects petitioners' guilt or innocence. The

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[12] Massachusetts General Laws ch. 233, §§13A-13D, is the Uniform Law To Secure the Attendance of Witnesses From Without the State in Criminal Proceedings. The constitutionality of this statute was upheld in *New York* v. *O'Neill*, 359 U.S. 1 (1958) (Frankfurter, J.). It has been held that the hearing on whether to request the attendance of an out-of-state witness is not criminal in nature and does not infringe on a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. See *Epstein* v. *People*, 157 So. 2d 705 (Fla. App. 1963).

certificate cannot possibly be construed as a finding adverse to petitioners and they appear not to assert such a claim here.

The sole question they raise is whether the procedure followed here was so inherently prejudicial as to have denied them due process of law. There is no authority for such a proposition and petitioners cite none. Petitioners infer that the Trial Court was biased against them by virtue of the Commonwealth's representations made at this ex parte hearing but this is sheer speculation, unsupported and unwarranted. The trial court showed the most scrupulous regard for petitioners' rights throughout the entire one hundred ten volume transcript and nineteen volume record in the first trial. Of equal importance, the motions of the Commonwealth to secure the attendance of out-of-state witnesses did not even *mention or refer to* Liberty or Woodcock and it is not possible to draw any inference of their criminality from these motions. I 6 R 1603-1605, 1699-1701, I 7 R 1739-1754, 1762-1773.[13]

The limited representations necessary to establish the need for an out-of-state witness are hardly of the same character as the ex parte relation by the prosecutor of "an episode of sordid behavior" by the defendant in a kidnapping case to the judge who was to pronounce sentence. This was condemned in *Haller* v. *Robbins*, 409 F.2d 857, 859 (1st Cir. 1969). Nor is this a case of violation of rules of criminal procedure limiting what a judge may review during the course of a criminal trial. See *Gregg* v. *United States*, 394 U.S. 489, 492 (1968). In contrast, the Commonwealth's representations here were required by the statutory scheme and went only to the limited question of securing out-of-state witnesses to testify to facts which were for the jury

[13] While Hanley's name was mentioned in certain of these motions, the trial court made no finding whatsoever naming him in its certificates of materiality.

and not the Trial Court to determine. The jury, of course, did not hear these representations and could not have been biased by them.[14] If representations such as these were here to be condemned, no prosecutor could even make an offer of proof during the course of a criminal trial. The petitioners were not prejudiced by the actions of the Trial Court. Certiorari ought not be granted on this ground.

V. There Was Sufficient Evidence to Warrant the Conviction of Woodcock.

Woodcock argues that there was no evidence admitted against him of the authority of the other conspirators to enter into the conspiracy to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle. Absent such evidence, he maintains his conviction of conspiracy is without due process of law. Woodcock petition, 32-33.

This argument does not withstand analysis. It is clear from evidence admitted against Woodcock that as Executive Vice President of Liberty he attended the conspiratorial meeting at the Commodore Hotel. I 50 Tr. 3592. There Glynn told the others that Hanley would handle the Rate Board "program" and would obtain the necessary votes to achieve the rate desired by the conspirators. I 52 Tr. 3748. No one dissented from this scheme—the conspirators only concern was that the amount of the bribe sought by Hanley was excessive. I 52 Tr. 3751-3760. Then Woodcock pegged the amount of the bribe at $25,000 (I 52 Tr. 3761), the other conspirators agreed to pay this amount to Hanley (I 52 Tr. 3762); and the discussion shifted to a consideration of the manner in which the conspiracy was to be effectuated. I 52 Tr. 3763-3771. At this point the offense of conspiracy was complete—the minds of the conspirators had joined in

[14] Petitioners contend that the procedure followed here would be improper in a judge tried case. Whatever the merits of this contention, it is not presented by this case.

agreement to violate the law. As stated in *Commonwealth* v. *Judd*, 2 Mass. 329, 337 (1807) "the offense is complete when the conspiracy is made."

Woodcock's contention that evidence of the corporate authority of the other conspirators was not admitted against him does not operate to void his conviction since it is patently obvious that the other conspirators at the Commodore meeting—Barber, Pratt, Farrell, Glynn, and Heath—all had the *individual* capacity to agree with Woodcock to bribe Hanley and this is what they did. Whatever the motives of these individuals to act as they did—possibly advancement in their respective corporate hierarchies, reciprocal favors from Hanley, or the like—their own individual roles in the conspiracy are not reduced simply because their agreement and acts tended to benefit their corporate employers. There is ample evidence that Woodcock mutually agreed with these other individuals to bribe Hanley and Garfinkle. This evidence is sufficient to support the conspiracy conviction. Certiorari ought not be granted on this ground, particularly where only one litigant is affected.

VI. The Sufficiency of the Evidence of Liberty's Corporate Criminal Responsibility Raises No Federal Question.

At pages 7 through 10 of its petition Liberty contends that it is a denial of equal protection to convict a corporate defendant of a serious crime on the basis of acts by its Executive Vice President committed on behalf of the corporation. The proper standard of corporate criminal responsibility, the necessary difference between treatment of corporate and individual crime, the strong public policy reasons for such differences and the evidence against Liberty are treated in detail at App. 1418-1450. A consideration of the opinion below demonstrates clearly that

this contention by Liberty raises no substantial question for review by this Court.

VII. Woodcock's Conviction as a Principal on the Indictment Charging Him With Bribery Was Based on the Settled Common Law of the Commonwealth and not Upon an Ex Post Facto Application of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 274, §2.

Woodcock and the other co-conspirators in the first trial specifically delegated to Barber the authority to offer a bribe to Hanley. App. 1405-1407, 1487. The Supreme Judicial Court affirmed Woodcock's conviction of the crime of bribery, holding at 1487: "One may be convicted as a principal where he delegates to an agent the authority to do the act." Since this doctrine was expressly incorporated into a statute passed subsequent to his trial—Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 274. §2, as amended by St. 1968, c. 206. §1, effective July 30, 1968—Woodcock argues that the Supreme Judicial Court must have applied that statute to him in an ex post facto manner. Woodcock petition, 34-37.

This argument is quite artificial since the Supreme Judicial Court nowhere relies on this statute as a basis for Woodcock's liability and, as Woodcock himself admits (Woodcock petition, 37), the Commonwealth never suggested that the new statute should apply. The fatal flaw to this argument lies in the fact that the Supreme Judicial Court, in its decision below, merely restated what had long been the law of the Commonwealth with respect to bribery indictments. Thirty years before the Supreme Judicial Court's decision in the instant case, it had dealt explicitly with these same contentions:

> The defendant contends that since he was not present in any sense when the various payments were

> made, nor . . . when there was talk of paying money for jobs, he could have been nothing more than an accessory to the felony of which he was convicted as a principal. . . . The interposition by a public officer of an agent or "bagman" (to use the popular expression) as a screen against those who voluntarily or under some compulsion are disposed to bribe him, does not reduce him to an accessory. . . . The request or the acceptance may be by an authorized agent; or the acceptance by the public officer may be an acceptance from an intermediary without the knowledge of the person making the gift or gratuity. *Commonwealth* v. *Connolly*, 308 Mass. 481, 489-490 (1941).

The *Connolly* case arose under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 268, §8 (requesting or accepting a bribe). The particular indictment here arises under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 268, §7 (offering or giving a bribe). As the Trial Court noted in denying Woodcock's motion for a directed verdict on this indictment:

> Is there any sound or valid reason why both sides to an alleged bribe (the public officer allegedly requesting or accepting it and the other person or corporation allegedly giving, offering or promising it) should not stand on the same footing on the question of whether or not they may be convicted as principals when they commit the crime through agents or intermediaries? I 94 Tr. "Appendix A," vii.

There is, of course, no viable distinction which can be drawn between the public official who solicits a bribe and the individuals and corporations offering to pay it. Woodcock never attempted to draw such a distinction below and the Supreme Judicial Court merely enunciated again a general principal (which had previously been applied to

a cognate statute), applying it to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 268, §7.[15] There is no question here presented as to the ex post facto application of a statute and certiorari ought not be granted on this ground.

VIII. Petitioners Were Accorded Due Process of Law by the Manner in Which the Changes in Limitations on Evidence Were Effected.

The trial court's practice of placing limitations on evidence during these trials and then changing these limitations after a preliminary finding of conspiracy in each case is well established in Massachusetts. *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133 (1935). *Commonwealth* v. *French*, Mass. Adv. Sh. (1970) 619, 637, fn. 27. *Commonwealth* v. *Rogers*, 181 Mass. 184, 191 (1902). Even so, Beneficial, Houshold, Local, and Woodcock (with whom Liberty joins) argue that the number of limitations was so great that the jury could not have remembered them all and must necessarily has disregarded the limitations in finding petitioners guilty. Beneficial petition, 11-17; Household petition, 27-32; Local petition, 9-15; Woodcock petition, 21-26. Farrell, Glynn, and Hanley contend that the trial court permitted the prosecutor to determine the final application of the evidence. Farrell and Glynn petition, 16-20; Hanley petition, 12.

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[15] The reliance by Petitioner on *Dolan* v. *Commonwealth*, 304 Mass. 325, 339 (1939) (Woodcock petition, 35-36) does not weaken this argument. The *Dolan* case involved criminal contempt—a serious affront to the judicial system by virtue of jury tampering. See 325 Mass. at 304. The Supreme Judicial Court's citation is preceded by the signal "see" which indicates that the conclusion of the court will be suggested by an examination of the case rather than that its conclusion is stated by the *Dolan* case. A Uniform System of Citation (11th Ed.) §26.15, p. 87. It is thus of no moment that the *Dolan* case may technically have involved a misdemeanor. The point being made by the Supreme Judicial Court was not so restrictive.

A. *Petitioners Are Not Entitled To A New Trial Simply Because The Limitations Upon Evidence Were Numerous, Especially Where There Is No Showing That The Jury Disregarded The Limitations On Evidence Critical To Sustain Each Particular Conviction.*

Petitioners do not appear to contend that any of the trial court's particular announcements regarding changes were inaccurate or misleading. Nor do they contend that the jury was not given suitably strong instructions to give weight to the limitations.[16] Rather they argue that the number of limitations were so great that no one could have remembered them all and this, in itself, is a denial of due process.

But it must be remembered that neither the limitations and the changes thereto, nor the trial court's charge operated in a vacuum. During the course of these trials petitioners' counsel often sought to have the Commonwealth specify the limitations under which it was offering each particular item of evidence. By changing the limitations in the particularized manner adopted here (rather than admit-

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[16] Note these excerpts from the charge of the Trial Court in the first trial: "Each defendant in this case is to be judged solely on the evidence which was admitted as to him or it as to a particular indictment or count. You cannot consider against a defendant evidence which was admitted only against some other defendant or defendants . . . You cannot charge any defendant with anything disclosed by evidence which was not admitted against him . . . Do not decide the case of these defendants as though all of the evidence applied to all defendants. It does not." I 101 Tr. 7217 - 7220. As the Supreme Judicial Court said, "Implicit in these instructions was the admonition that if the jury could not remember the limitations on a given item of evidence they could not consider it." App. 1476. This inference was made explicit by the Trial Court in its charge at the conclusion of the second trial. "If you find yourselves in a state of mind where you are unable to recall whether particular evidence was or was not admitted as to a particular defendant or count, *then you may not consider that evidence as to that defendant or count.*" II 220 Tr. 11, 599 (emphasis supplied).

ting evidence wholesale against all the conspirators after the preliminary finding of conspiracy) the trial court was, in effect, implementing a "safeguard to individualize each defendant in his relation to the mass." *Kotteakos* v. *United States*, 328 U.S. 750, 773 (1946)—a point apparently conceded by Farrell and Glynn. Farrell and Glynn petition, 19 n. 45. The jury could not fail to note that the evidence against the different petitioners was varied. Then, in their summations, petitioners' counsel carefully and exhaustively called to the jury's attention the limitations on the evidence as it applied to each petitioner. This was followed by the trial court's charge which enjoined the jury to give effect to the limitations and, implicitly in the first trial and explicitly in the second, told them not to consider evidence as to which they could not remember the limitations.[17]

Given this background, it can hardly be thought that the jury did not remember and apply the limitations as to the central items of evidence necessary to warrant petitioners' convictions. These were the elements explained in detail during the closing arguments and as to which the trial court had given lucid and comprehensive instructions. Absent some tenable showing that the jury could not recall these crucial items of evidence as limited (Petitioners have made no such showing whatsoever) certiorari ought not be granted on this ground. "Appellate courts should be slow to impute to juries a disregard of their duties." *Fairmount Glass Works* v. *Cub Fork Coal Co.*, 287 U.S. 474, 485 (1933).

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[17] Household's assertion that it was error not to give an instruction that, unless all the limitations could be remembered as to the evidence against a petitioner he must be acquitted (Household petition, 27-28), is without merit or supporting authority. If it were adopted, Household would be entitled to acquittal upon a showing that the jury did not remember a limitation as to a collateral matter even though the jury might not have relied on that evidence at all in reaching a verdict.

B. *Petitioners Were Accorded Due Process Of Law By The Decision Of The Trial Court With Respect To The Changes In Limitations On Evidence; The Trial Court Did Not Delegate Its Authority To The Prosecutor.*

Farrell, Glynn, and Hanley argue generally that the trial court abdicated its responsibility over evidentiary rulings to the prosecutor. Their argument, however, prescinds from the Decision of the Trial Court on defendants' "Motions to Strike" Evidence made by the Trial Court during the course of the second trial. Farrell & Glynn petition, 16. See II R 13, 127-13,137. There, in a portion of the decision not quoted by petitioners, the trial court stated that in ruling on evidentiary motions "[T]his Court does not feel that it is bound or limited by the Commonwealth's statement of intent or of its 'rule of fairness'... [I]n the absence of... agreement, this Court will rule on Motions to Strike on the basis of what it understands to be the rules of evidence relating to a trial of this kind." II Tr. 13,130. See App. 1478. This is hardly an improper delegation of judicial authority.

Curiously, petitioners appear to be arguing that they were prejudiced by the admission against them of less than the quantum of evidence which might possibly have been admitted against them under the principle of *Commonwealth* v. *Benesch*, 290 Mass. 125, 132-133 (1935). This attempt to whipsaw the judicial process after seeking limitations below was aptly characterized by the Supreme Judicial Court as "patently specious." App. 1478. If petitions had actually been deeply concerned about the careful changes in limitations announced by the Trial Court, they could have assented to the procedure followed in *Commonwealth* v. *Kiernan*, 348 Mass. 29, 57-58 (1964) *cert. denied sub. nom. Gordon* v. *Massachusetts*, 380 U.S. 913 (1965)

where, by request of counsel, all evidence was admitted *de bene* against all defendants subject to a motion to strike. These petitioners can show no prejudice from the procedure followed below. Certiorari ought not be granted on this ground.

IX. The Decision of the Trial Court To Put Special Questions to the Jury Did Not Deny Petitioners Due Process of Law.

In the first trial, the trial court submitted to the jury four special questions as well as the general verdict forms. In each instance, the jury answered these questions as well as returning their general verdict. Beneficial, Household, Farrell, and Glynn argue that this procedure denied them due process of law. Beneficial petition, 24-27; Household petition, 32-36; Farrell and Glynn petition, 20-21. This argument is without merit.

Special questions do not deprive the jury of its constitutional responsibility to find guilt or innocence. Their use in a state court has never been held to deny a defendant due process of law under the United States Constitution. Indeed, the use of special questions in a complex case of this nature would hardly seem to prejudice the defendants. Far from "catechizing" the jury in the instant case, the questions may well be deemed to have assisted them in keeping separate in their minds the different elements of the substantive crimes and the burden of proof of the Commonwealth as to each of those elements.[18] It is simply not true that the special questions "led the jurors down

[18] Beneficial complains that, by virtue of the special questions, "[t]he jury's attention was riveted on a specific crime before it even faced the central question of guilt." Beneficial petition, 27. This is not prejudicial. Of necessity, the jury must focus on the "specific crime" before it determines the "question of guilt." Absent a "specific crime," the "question of guilt" does not arise.

the guilty trail." Instead the jury expressly found that no bribe was paid by these petitioners. In these circumstances it is most appropriate to characterize the special questions as separate road blocks to the return of a guilty verdict—each one having to be negotiated by thoughtful discussion before petitioners could be found guilty.

Special findings have often been used in treason cases, where the jury was requested to state which overt acts were committed in support of its verdict of guilty. *United States* v. *Kawakita,* 96 F. Supp. 824 (S.D.Cal. 1950), *aff'd* 190 F.2d 506 (9th Cir. 1951), *aff'd* 343 U.S. 717 (1952). Mr. Justice Douglas' opinion in *Kawakita* contains a direct reference to special questions. 343 U.S. at 722. See also *Cramer* v. *United States,* 325 U.S. 1, 36 (1945). Special questions have also been employed in conspiracy cases when to do so would aid the court, as where a statutory penalty was varied during the life of the conspiracy. *United States* v. *Haim,* 218 F.Supp. 922 (S.D.N.Y. 1963). *United States* v. *Ogull,* 149 F.Supp. 272 (S.D.N.Y. 1957) *aff'd sub nom. United States* v. *Gernie,* 252 F.2d. 664 (2d. Cir., 1958), *cert. denied* 356 U.S. 968 (1958). See *United States* v. *James,* 432 F.2d 303 (5th Cir. 1970); *United States* v. *Hensley,* 374 F.2d. 341, 344 (6th Cir. 1967) *cert. denied* 388 U.S. 923 (1967).

The cases relied upon by petitioners to demonstrate a supposed dispute among the circuits as to the constitutionality of special questions actually do not have that effect at all. As the First Circuit explicitly noted (and Household, Farrell, and Glynn admit), the court's action in *United States* v. *Spock,* 416 F.2d. 165, 180 (1st Cir. 1969) was based upon the exercise of its supervisory power. The decisions in the Eighth and Ninth Circuits are based on the court's understanding of federal practice and not on the United States Constitution. *Gray* v. *United States,* 174 F.2d. 919,

924 (8th Cir. 1949). *Anderson* v. *United States*, 273 Fed. 677, 679 (9th Cir. 1921). The Third Circuit decision relied on by petitioners, *United States* v. *Noble*, 155 F.2d 315, 317-318 (3d Cir. 1946), concerns itself with failure of the lower court to instruct the jury on the elements of the crime charged and not at all with the propriety of special questions.

There is thus no precedent for the startling assertion that the procedure followed here—a procedure long recognized in the jurisprudence of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (*Commonwealth* v. *Bartholomew*, 326 Mass. 218, 221 ( )) — denied the petitioners due process of law. Certiorari ought not be granted on the ground that the trial court posed special questions to the jury in the first trial.

X. The Commonwealth Fulfilled Its Duty of Disclosure to the Petitioners and They Are Not Entitled to a New Trial on This Ground.

All petitioners convicted in the "first small loans case" claim that they must be given a new trial on the ground that the Commonwealth failed to disclose material evidence during the course of that trial. See *Brady* v. *Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 87 (1963). After a three-day hearing following the first trial, the Trial Court denied petitioners' motions for new trial in a 37-page decision which includes meticulous findings of fact as to the various contentions raised. 19 R 4619-4655. The Supreme Judicial Court affirmed. App.

Woodcock and Liberty contend that the Commonwealth made misstatements of fact to them during the course of the trial and that it intentionally suppressed certain of Heath's grand jury testimony (Woodcock petition, 27-31) Beneficial argues that the expense vouchers of the witness Heath, which were not disclosed until the second trial,

were material evidence on the question of whether three incriminating meetings (during which Hanley first solicited a bribe with respect to the 1962 Rate Board proceedings, *supra*, p. 7) took place between Heath, Glynn, and Hanley during the summer of 1962 (Beneficial petition, 17-18).[19] Household restricts its concern to the expense vouchers covering the period of a luncheon meeting at Purcell's restaurant where Glynn, Pratt and Heath agreed to recommend that a bribe be paid to Hanley. *Supra*, pp. 7-8 (Household petition, 10-13). All of these issues turn on their own facts and only affect this case.

Although the trial court found that the Commonwealth acted with full and complete good faith and did not intentionally withhold from the petitioners any material they were entitled to see (I 19 R 4650) and the Supreme Judicial Court found there was sufficient evidence to support these findings (App. 1482), Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, and Hanley complain that the expense vouchers were intentionally suppressed purusant to a "deal" with Heath. (Beneficial petition 18-20; Farrell & Glynn petition 21-22; Hanley petition 11-12).

To these contentions there are at least three answers: 1) the evidence derived from the grand jury testimony and the expense vouchers is neither exculpatory nor material; 2) the Commonwealth made no misrepresentations or "deals" with respect to this evidence; and 3) under the circumstances of this case, there was no duty constitutionally imposed on the Commonwealth to turn its voluminous files over to the petitioners.

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[19] Woodcock (and Liberty, which adopts Woodcock's petition on this point — Liberty pet. 2, fn. 1) would appear to espouse this same position (Woodcock petition, 31) even though none of the evidence supposedly impeached by the expense vouchers was ever admitted against either Woodcock or Liberty and the Supreme Judicial Court expressly declined to decide whether either had standing. App. 1480.

A. *In The Circumstances Of This Case, There Was No Duty Imposed On The Commonwealth By The Constitution To Make All Its Files Available To The Petitioners; Evidence Not Disclosed Was Not Material.*

Even if possible inferences might be extracted from the grand jury testimony or expense vouchers so as to arrive at some peripheral inconsistency with Heath's testimony during the first trial, the United States Constitution ought not be interpreted to require the Commonwealth, who made a diligent, good faith effort to search out and disclose to the defense all relevant information in its possession (I 19 R 4650), to make a further day-by-day reevaluation of the twenty-four file drawers of documentary materials in its possession (App. 1483) so as to turn over to petitioners everything which, in their eyes, might conceivably be inconsistent with the day's testimony.

A single example will suffice to demonstrate the impossible burden which petitioners seek to cast upon the Commonwealth. Actually, the only possible inconsistency which arises from the variety of evidence cited by petitioners stems from the fact that Heath testified that he had lunch with Glynn and Pratt at one of the many incriminating meetings while his expense vouchers (which, in any event, would not include the names of Glynn and Pratt) list the names of other individuals at lunch during the relevant period. (see discussion *infra* pp. 41-43).

How, then, is the Commonwealth to make the decision as to which documents to turn over to petitioners? At the outset of the trial the Commonwealth possessed twenty-four file cabinet drawers full of documentary materials obtained from the Massachusetts Crime Commission and had developed an additional six drawers of documents during its trial preparation. In its opening, the Commonwealth de-

scribed the meeting at Purcell's but made no mention of the conspirators lunching there. Thus, the Commonwealth cannot be thought to have anticipated any testimony inconsistent with the vouchers in its possession. It was only on the fiftieth day of the first trial that Heath made passing references to lunching at Purcell's with Glynn and Pratt. Must the Commonwealth, therefore, after fifty days of trial, comb through all its materials again seeking to cull out vouchers which might, in petitioners' eyes, possibly be inconsistent with Heath's testimony as to lunch?[20] Were this Court to promulgate such a standard as the constitutional mandate, prosecutors in every complex case would be virtually required to turn over their entire file to the defendants lest some peripheral inconsistency crop up during the course of a lengthy trial which, if undetected despite the prosecutor's good faith efforts, would vitiate the verdict.[21]

But the United States Constitution does not require imposing any such strained and impossible burden on the prosecutor. For, as Chief Justice Burger pointed out in *Giglio* v. *United States*, — U.S. —, 40 U.S. Law Week 4209, 4211 (1972):

> We do not . . . automatically require a new trial whenever "the combing of the prosecutor's files after the

[20] It is, of course, not without significance that Heath testified that he met Glynn and Pratt on the day in question "at Haley's restaurant" and they then went over to Purcells. I 50 Tr. 3529. The most plausible inference is that Heath, a public relations man whose business it was to entertain others, had *already* incurred a reimbursible expense at Haley's before going over to Purcell's with Glynn and Pratt.

[21] As Chief Judge Friendly put it in *United States* v. *Keogh*, 391 F.2d. 138, 147 (2d Cir. 1968): "Any lawyer who has prepared and conducted a trial like this one, lasting 23 trial days, knows how easy it is to forget items in his files that an unexpected turn in the evidence has made helpful to his own case, let alone those that might aid his opponents—something which, under our adversary system, is not in the forefront of his mind."

> trial has disclosed evidence possibly useful to the defense but not likely to have changed the verdict . . ." *United States* v. *Keogh*, 391 F.2d. 138, 148 (2d Cir., 1968). A finding of materiality of the evidence is required under *Brady*."

Petitioners rely heavily on *Giglio* and invite the court to compare that case with this one. The Commonwealth submits that any such comparison will only confirm the propriety of the decision below.

In *Giglio*, the chief witness for the prosecution, Taliento, perjured himself during the course of the trial by denying the existence of an agreement as to his future prosecution and the Assistant United States Attorney, albeit in good faith, permitted this false evidence to go uncorrected. After the trial, another Assistant United States Attorney admitted that it had been agreed that Taliento would not be prosecuted if he cooperated with the government. This Court, confirming its holding in *Napue* v. *Illinois*, 360 U.S. 264 (1959), reversed and remanded for a new trial.

A far different situation is presented by the case at bar. Here, the Commonwealth has expressly denied the existence of any "deal" (II 199 Tr. 10,439) and the grand jury testimony and documentary evidence relied on by the petitioners is either wholly consistent with the testimony of the Commonwealth's witnesses (*infra*, pp. 38-40, 41-42) or, at worst, not directly inconsistent with any of the testimony at trial (*infra*, pp. 42-43). In such circumstances, as this Court has so recently affirmed, "a finding of materiality of the evidence is required." *Giglio* v. *United States*, —— U.S. ——, 40 U.S. Law Week 4209, 4211 (1972).

The requirement that the evidence on which to base a new trial be "material" was laid down in the *Brady* case itself (383 U.S. 83, 87) and has been uniformly interpreted as requiring the defendant to demonstrate more than

peripheral inconsistencies. *United States* v. *Tomaiolo*, 378 F.2d. 26, 28 (2d Cir. 1967) ("To obtain a new trial a convicted defendant must . . . show more than the suppression of evidence. The evidence must also be shown to be material and *of some substantial use* to the defendant.") (emphasis supplied) *Ingram* v. *Peyton*, 367 F.2d 933, 936 (4th Cir. 1966) (The evidence must be "of a character to raise a *substantial* likelihood . . . that it would have affected the result if known at the trial.") (emphasis supplied) See *Lessard* v. *Dickinson*, 394 F.2d 88 (9th Cir. 1968).[23]

This Court's reliance in *Giglio* on *United States* v. *Keogh*, *supra*, serves to reinforce the point Chief Judge Friendly made in that careful decision.

> Failure to appreciate the use to which the defense could place evidence in the prosecution's hands, or forgetfulness that it exists when a development in the trial has given it new importance, are quite different [from cases where there has been a *specific* request for particular documents]. Since this must happen to the most scrupulous prosecutors and the issue of deterrence scarcely arises, the problems of the courts and the wider interests of society unite to require a substantially higher probability that disclosure of the evidence to the defense would have altered the result. 391 F.2d at 148.

In light of these considerations, the Commonwealth submits that none of the evidence argued by petitioners here to require a new trial was, in fact, material. Petitioners' due process rights were not violated by the Commonwealth. Certiorari ought not be granted on this ground.

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[23] Indeed, the commentary to Section 3.11(a), ABA, Standards Relating To The Prosecution Function And The Defense Function, Approved Draft, 1971, states that even the "area of evidence which would *substantially* aid the defense . . . is too vague to be defined in standards of [prosecutorial] conduct." (emphasis supplied). *A fortiori* then, good faith non-disclosure of minor impeaching evidence ought not be construed to be a violation of due process.

B. *The Grand Jury Testimony In Question Was Not Exculpatory.*

The bits and pieces of grand jury testimony thought by Liberty and Woodcock to be exculpatory are peripheral at best. The petitioners Woodcock and Liberty repeatedly mention Heath's "apparently exculpatory grand jury testimony" (Woodcock petition, 28) yet none of his grand jury testimony bearing on the first trial was in fact exculpatory.[23] Woodcock and Liberty first seek to capitalize (See Woodcock petition, 29) on the fact that certain grand jury testimony which they reviewed during the course of the second trial demonstrates that Heath, during a single day of his grand jury testimony, failed to make reference to Woodcock's presence at the Commodore meeting.[24] Heath did not, during this day's testimony before the grand jury, say anything directly inconsistent with his prior testimony. However, Heath had, in previous testimony before the grand jury, definitely named Woodcock as one of the con-

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[23] The first small loans trial dealt with the "Rate Board program" — a euphemism used by the conspirators to describe their conspiracy to bribe Hanley and others to fix the rates to be charged for "small loans". App. 1402. The second small loans trial dealt with the "Hanley program", App. 1507-1505, a continuing conspiracy to bribe Hanley to bestow various favors on the small loans companies. App. 1488. While it is true that Heath's grand jury testimony (and his subsequent testimony at the second trial) has Woodcock at the Commodore meeting trying to extricate Liberty from the continuing Hanley program, it is equally clear that, at that *same* meeting, Woodcock committed Liberty to participation in the Rate Board conspiracy. Compare App. 1513-1514 with App. 1405. Woodcock's refusal to participate further in the Hanley program does not exculpate him from his explicit affirmation ("the figure [i.e., the bribe] is $25,000 and not one penny more") of the means and goal of the Rate Board conspiracy—the subject of the first trial.

[24] This contention was first made in paragraph 23 of petitioners' affidavit accompanying their motion for new trial I 8R 1971. In paragraph 6 of this *same* affidavit, petitioners themselves quote a portion from Heath's grand jury testimony which establishes that Woodcock was present at the Commodore meeting. I 8R 1963 - 1964. I 19 R4647.

spirators at the Commodore meeting. Were this single omission on one day of extended testimony to be inflated to the status of material exculpatory evidence, the Commonwealth would, in future trials, necessarily require each grand jury witness to repeat the aggregate of all his prior testimony every day. As the Trial Court aptly said, "[I]t is not possible to erect the entire walls of a brick building with each brick." I 19 R4646. Heath's single omission to repeat to the grand jury every item of evidence as to which he had testified can hardly be thought to be genuinely material to the question of the guilty of the petitioners. No new trial ought be granted on this ground.

Next, Liberty and Woodcock argue (Woodcock petition, 31) that Heath's testimony about Woodcock's "blackmail"[25] before the grand jury is inconsistent with his testimony at trial that Woodcock and the other individual defendants "were my friends" (I 66 Tr. 4758) and that he was on cordial terms with the Liberty personnel *in his area*.[26] 19 R 4645. There is, in fact, no inconsisteney whatever between Heath's grand jury testimony on these points and his testimony at trial. Moreover, Heath's grand jury testimony on these points exculpates neither Liberty nor Woodcock nor is it material to their defense. Heath carefully testified at trial that the other individual defendants *had been* his friends. I 66 Tr. 4758. He never implied that Woodcock was his friend at the time of trial. Moreover, Woodcock, coming from St. Louis, was not in Heath's area and Heath's testimony about his cordial relations with Liberty personnel in his area did not include Woodcock. 19R 4645-4646. Thus, even

[25] As the trial court noted, "It is questionable whether Heath's interpretation that he was being blackmailed is correct, or whether the correct interpretation is that he, Heath, was being asked by Woodcock to blackmail the defendant Hanley." 119R 4643.

[26] Woodcock's paraphrase of Heath's testimony omits this limiting ing phrase. See Woodcock petition, 31. Heath's actual words were, "I was on cordial terms with all of the personnel in my area." 175 Tr. 5345.

these bits and pieces of collateral grand jury testimony culled by petitioners out of context and juxtaposed against specific testimony in a voluminous trial transcript, prove to be neither inconsistent nor material and the fact that they were not available to Liberty and Woodcock during the first trial does not warrant reversal of their convictions.

C. *The Commonwealth Made No Misstatements of Fact to the Petitioners.*

Finally, Woodcock and Liberty contend that the Commonwealth prejudiced their case by representing to them that if they cross examined Heath about the Commodore Hotel meeting "it would result in the evidence of another crime." 19 R 4648. See Woodcock petition, 28-31. Indeed, there *was* ample evidence of other criminal conduct at the Commodore Hotel meeting beyond that tried in the first small loans trial[27] App. 1512-1513. Thus, both the Trial Court and the Supreme Judicial Court concluded that the Commonwealth's statement was perfectly correct, proper, and truthful. Liberty and Woodcock argue on the basis of their directed verdicts of not guilty in the second trial that there was *no* evidence of their criminality introduced at that trial. This overstates the situation. What actually transpired at the Commodore meeting, as the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court makes clear, is that Woodcock, after emphatically setting the amount of the bribe in the "Rate Board program" (App. 1405) objected when discussion of the on-going "Hanley program" came up later during that same meeting. From Woodcock's statement that "Liberty had no intention of participating in the Hanley

[27] Both the "Rate Board Program"—the conspiracy tried in the first trial, and the "Hanley program" — the conspiracy tried in the second trial, were discussed at the Commodore meeting. See fn. 23, *supra*.

program *this year*'' (App. 1513), (emphasis supplied), a fact finder could reasonably infer that Woodcock, while committing Liberty to the Rate Board conspiracy, was taking Liberty out of the on-going Hanley program.

Equally important, counsel for Woodcock and Liberty had full opportunity to cross examine Heath and Woodcock himself was present throughout the Commodore meeting about which Heath had testified. It must be presumed that Woodcock fully apprised his counsel of the discussions at the Commodore meeting. In these circumstances, factually accurate statements by the Commonwealth can hardly be thought to be misrepresentations which changed defense counsel's trial tactics. Certiorari ought not be granted on this ground.

D. *The Expense Vouchers In Question Were Not Exculpatory.*

Petitioners contend that the expense vouchers are evidence inconsistent with Heath's testimony as to his meetings with various of the other conspirators in Massachusetts. Analysis of the actual facts reveals no inconsistency whatsoever.

It is necessary first to consider the expense vouchers themselves. The vouchers provide spaces for the entry of reimbursible expenses under a separate column for each day of the week and set forth various expense categories for each day including "Breakfast", "Lunch", and "Dinner" (I 19 R 4637). The vouchers were not a complete record of Heath's daily activities but included only records of expenditures for which Heath sought reimbursement from his employer (App. 1481; I 19 R 4638). Meetings with other people are not indicated on the vouchers unless Heath spent money on the meal of someone else and sought reimbursement therefor (I 19 R 4638). Heath's own meals in Boston were not reimbursible and, more important, he had

been explicitly instructed "that he should not include the names of any public relations men for other companies on his expense vouchers" (I 19 R 4638).

There is thus no inconsistency between the limited information recited on the expense vouchers and Heath's testimony as to his three meetings with Glynn and Hanley in the summer of 1962. Glynn was a public relations man for another company (I 47 Tr. 3352) so Heath would not have recorded his name on the expense vouchers in any event. Nor were the three meetings with Hanley and Glynn during which Hanley first solicited a bribe, "social occasions" where Heath would pay, and thus might be expected to seek reimbursement for, a pro-rata share of Hanley's expenses (I 19 R 4639-4641). See I 48 Tr. 3440, 3448, 3450-3451. Finally, the fact the expense vouchers show Heath having lunch or dinner with persons other than Hanley and Glynn during the summer of 1962 is not inconsistent with his testimony at trial since Heath never testified that these three meetings with Hanley and Glynn were luncheon or dinner meetings (See I 50 Tr. 3518-3525) while there was ample testimony that Heath often met them casually for a drink (See e.g., I 54 Tr. 3914).

In short, there was no testimony at trial from which it might even be *inferred* that Heath, as a result of his mid-summer meetings with Hanley and Glynn, incurred a reimbursible expense which would have shown up on his expense vouchers. Thus the vouchers do not tend to exculpate the petitioners from the incriminating nature of the evidence as to these meetings (See App. 1401-1402) because the vouchers do not, even by implication, tend to show that these meetings did not take place.

Nor are the expense vouchers covering the period of the Purcell's meeting inconsistent with Heath's testimony at trial. It is true that Heath testified that he met with Glynn and Pratt at Purcell's restaurant for lunch (App.

1403) and that Heath's expense vouchers for this period show him lunching with other individuals. But this supposed inconsistency vanishes under scrutiny.

Heath had explicit instructions not to record the names of Glynn or Pratt (a public relations man for Household — App. 1400) on his expense vouchers. As Heath's own meals were not reimbursible (I 19 R 4638) nothing concerning the Purcell's meeting would have appeared on his expense vouchers in any event. The fact that Heath sought reimbursement for lunching with others during this period is placed in proper perspective when it is noted that Heath testified that he met Glynn and Pratt *at Haley's restaurant* and the three then went to Purcell's (I 50 Tr. 3229). There is no inconsistency inherent in these two items of evidence. Clearly, the expense vouchers are nothing more than *additional* evidence of Heath's activities. They in no way controvert his trial testimony.

E. *The Commonwealth Never Agreed To Any Impropriety With Respect To The Expense Vouchers—There Was No "Deal."*

Beneficial, Farrell, Glynn, and Hanley all moved for a new trial on the basis that the Commonwealth made a "deal" with Heath to withhold material exculpatory evidence from them.[28] These petitioners introduced no evidence at the hearing on their motions (I 19 R 4635). They relied instead on affidavits containing two excerpts of testimony from the second trial. In the first excerpt, Heath said it was his "understanding" that the expense vouchers were not going to be used at trial (II 149 Tr. 7556). In the second, Marshall Simonds, a Special Assistant Attorney General

[28] The supposed "deal" relates to the expense vouchers which the Commonwealth has already argued were not exculpatory. *Supra*, pp. 41-42.

who had assisted in the presentation of evidence to the grand jury, testified that "I told [Heath] that I understood his hope and request that they would not become in any way involved in any public proceedings and I told him I would do what I could to accomplish that *so long as my efforts did not interfere with the proper investigation of the matter* (II 199 Tr. 10441-10442) (emphasis supplied). Simonds also flatly denied that he had promised Heath his expense vouchers would not be used (II 199 Tr. 10, 439) and testified that he informed Heath that he was not the Assistnat Attorney General in charge of the prosecution or the presentation of evidence (II 199 Tr. 10,442).

These isolated comments hardly make out a "deal" by the Commonwealth. Simonds was not the individual who determined what portion of the Commonwealth's files were to be turned over to the petitioners. Indeed, he had specifically told Heath that his willingness to refrain from using the expense vouchers was conditioned upon the propriety of such action—"so long as my efforts did not interfere with the *proper* investigation of the matter" (emphsis supplied). This limiting language demonstrates that the Commonwealth never agreed to any impropriety with respect to the expense vouchers and Simonds told Heath so. The best refutation of the story of an alleged "deal," however, is the fact that the Commonwealth itself voluntarily produced these expense vouchers during the course of the second trial. This is hardly consistent with the "deal" theory. The Trial Court, who had the opportunity to observe both Simonds and Heath—the latter over much of the course of the longest criminal trials in the Commonwealth's history—found explicitly, in accordance with Simonds's testimony, that "that the Commonwealth *DID NOT* make a deal with Heath to suppress his expense vouchers " (I 19 R 4636). Certiorari should not be granted on these grounds, particularly since these questions turn on their own facts and affect few, if any, other litigants.

XI. The Petitioners Were Not Twice Placed in Jeopardy for the Same Offense.

Household and Beneficial claim that their trial for conspiracy in the second trial on Indictment 11908 should have been barred on grounds of double jeopardy because of their prior conviction for conspiracy in the first trial under Indictment 11900 (Household Petition 19-23; Beneficial Petition 21-24). This issue is considered in the opinion below at App. 1391-1393.

While the charging language of the indictments is the same, they were sufficiently dissimilar with respect to dates and persons named to raise a material question of fact as to whether the two conspiracies were in fact the same. The bills of particulars and Representations of Evidence filed by the Commonwealth prior to the commencement of the second trial showed that the two conspiracies were not the same, but constituted two separate, well defined agreements. The conspiracy involved the first trial was a narrow agreement, limited in time, having as its sole purpose the making of a "one shot" payment to Hanley for himself and members of the Rate Board in connection with the 1962 Rate Board hearing. In contrast, the conspiracy in the second trial involved a continuing agreement to make annual payments to Hanley so that he would take a position favorable to the small loans industry "... in order to insure in general that his official acts were in the bests interests of the small loans industry." (App. 1391-1392). The evidence at the trials confirmed the existence of two separate agreements, involving separate offenses, having a number of different parties as well as some similar parties, and involving different time periods (App. 1398-1412; 1488-1514). The finding of fact by the court below that two separate agreements existed was correct, and provides no basis for the granting of the writ.

The result reached by the Supreme Judicial Court is fully consistent with federal decisions, which require an examination of the evidence to determine whether or not there is in fact double jeopardy, *Short* v. *United States*, 91 F.2d 614, 620-623 (4th Cir. 1937); *United States* v. *H. E. Koontz Creamery, Inc.*, 257 F. Supp. 295 (D. Md. 1969); *United States* v. *American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, 271 F. Supp. 979 (N.D. Cal. 1967); See *Duncan* v. *Tennessee*, U.S. , , 40 U.S. Law Week 4206, 4207 (1972) (dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Brennan). This Court should not be required to make such a lengthy examination of 20,000 pages of transcript.

The decision below meets fully the standards of *Benton* v. *Maryland*, 395 U.S. 784 (1969), and the contentions made by Household and Beneficial provide no basis for the relief sought.

XII. The Petitioner Hanley Was Fully Advised of His Right to Counsel.

The petitioner Hanley contends, at pages 12 and 13 of his petition, that he was not adequately advised of his right to counsel. This issue is covered in the opinion of the court below at App. 1530-1531.

During the first trial Hanley was represented by counsel. Before the commencement of the second trial Hanley's attorney made a motion to withdraw his appearance. At the hearing on that motion the trial judge said to Hanley, who was himself a lawyer and a member of the Massachusetts Bar: "[T]here is a standing order in Suffolk County that a lawyer who once files an appearance for a Defendant in a criminal case may not withdraw that appearance without leave of court" (App. 1530). "Hanley then informed the court that he understood, but preferred to appear pro se in the second trial" (*Ibid.*). The judge was aware that

Hanley was a lawyer and a member of the Massachusetts Bar (*Ibid.*).

It is apparent that Hanley's contention that he was not advised of his right to counsel is flatly contradictory to the record, which demonstrates that the judge informed him that his attorney could not withdraw without the court's permission. Hanley's understanding was manifested by his expressed desire to represent himself. As the Supreme Judicial Court points out at App. 1530, Hanley, in the proceedings before the Supreme Judicial Court, "... failed to point to even one instance of his alleged incompetence". No substantial question is raised by Hanley's contentions, and no reason for granting the writ.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commonwealth respectfully submits that each of these petitions seeking a writ of certiorari to review the opinion and judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ought be denied.

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